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Agawam Clergy - Spreading The Good Word



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM PARISH ASSOCIATION gathered for an Ecumenical Service to celebrate the holiday season and remain busy with their parishes and congregations at this joyous time of year. Back row (from left) - Rev. Al Dagnoli, visiting priest at Sacred Heart Church; Rev. Brad Wright, Agawam Church of the Bible; The Rev. Ronald Sadlowski, pastor, Sacred Heart Church; Rev. Howard McCormick, pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church; Rev. Earl Eisenbach, Agawam Congregational Church; Mr. Art Theobold, Agawam Parish Assocation; Rev. Gene deJongh, Valley Community Church. Front row - Rev. Gary Reiff, Crossroads Christian Fellowship; Rev. John Parke, St. David's Episcopal Church; Rev. Leonard Cowan, St. David's Episcopal Church; Rev. Mercy Barnes, Agawam Baptist Church; and Rev. Rob Donaldson, Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Investigation Continues To Catch Firebug At Agawam Junior High

by Hope E. Murray Municipal Writer

Students and staff at Agawam Junior High School were dismissed early Monday, December 18th, after waiting in the cold for firefighters to find the source of smoke that layered the auditorium.

According to Agawam Fire Inspector Michael Mercadante, the smoke alarms went off at 10:55 a.m. Firefighters arrived on the scene to find the school auditorium in a smoky haze, and the smell of burning wood was in the air. Concerned with students' safety, the school was evacuated.

"After about 20 minutes of standing outside, the students were getting cold and we decided to send them home," said School Superintendent Frank Ameruso.

Three Fire Department vehicles responded to the alarm. Firefighters found no blaze, but traced the smoke to the boys' bathroom.

"One or more youths were in the bathroom, possibly having a cigarette," Mercadante said.

Evidently, the cigarette was tossed into a six-bysix-inch opening in the wall. The hole, which used to have a door on it, is the opening to turn the water pipes on and off. "Over time, it's been torn off by kids," Mercadante said, adding that it will be resealed as a result of the incident. "The kids find it a convenient place to get rid of cigarette butts. And some trash was in there."

The trash included paper towels and a small, eightor 10-inch piece of wood. "Either a lit cigarette was thrown in there or a cigarette was put out and dropped in, but it wasn't out all the way," Mercadante said.

The official incident report states that smoking materials were dropped in and they ignited the paper towels and wood.

The smoke traveled up through the wall and into the ceiling of the auditorium.

"Luckily, because of the construction of the building, there was never a chance of the building catching fire," Mercadante said.

Ameruso said the incident is still under investigation and the school "will have some form of police involvement if we can't get to the bottom of this."

If the party or parties who started the fire are found to have done so intentionally, the result could be expulsion, according to him.

Holiday Recycling Tips From Health Dept.

The Town of Agawam Health Dept. would like to give some residents some quick tips on recycling this holiday season:

These items **ARE NOT** recyclable: gift wrap; ribbons; bows, tinsel; any box with plastic coatings or windows; packing peanuts; any type of styrofoam.

These items ARE RECYCLABLE: corrugated boxes; paperboard gift boxes; tissue paper (please separate from box).

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce our waste stream. If you have any questions, please contact Jayne Smith at 786-0400, ext. 286.

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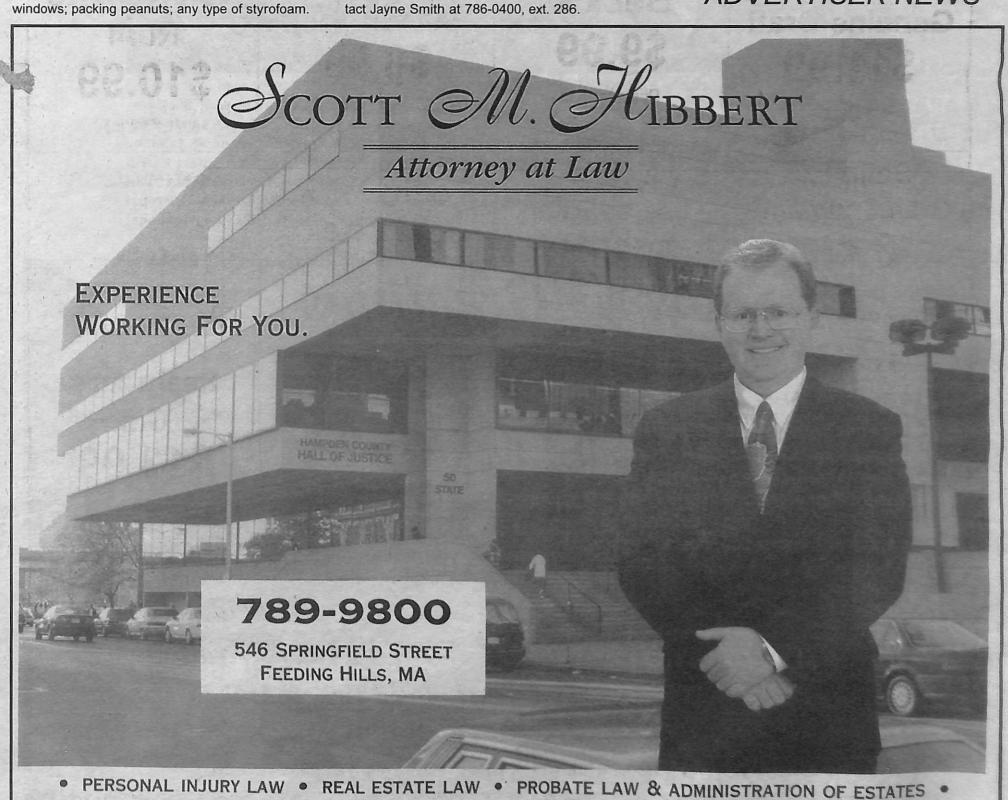
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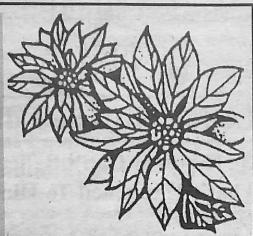
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We sat in the folding chairs and agreed we had



Ag. Resident Can't Believe What's Happened To Him

To The Editor:

I am Arthur J. O'Leary and I have resided with my wife at 129 Birch Hill Road in Agawam, Massachusetts since October 1964.

During the spring of 1997, land was purchased at 143 Birch Hill to build a home. Removal of all trees began immediately and then truck loads of fill and rubble began to arrive.

I have discovered that a new Massachusetts regulation does not permit the material removed from sewer and water service replacement piping to be used to refill the excavation, so there is now an extraordinary amount of free fill available

Fill and rubble have been continually dumped since the summer of 1997. My neighbors and I ground our teeth and prayed for the time when the buyers would begin the building of their home so the arrival of 18-yard dump trucks would cease. The spring, summer, and fall of 1999 were particularly difficult because it was a drought year and with no wet down effort to control dust, the neighborhood had to bear very difficult conditions.

The buyers built their home in the fall and moved in before Christmas 1999. The neighborhood was relieved. We thought the noise of slamming tailgates, truck and equipment beepers, and construction machinery would end and the very heavy dust and terrible diesel fumes would stop. We thought the interruption in our lives that came from living with ongoing construction was finally over. We were wrong...delivery of fill and rubble continued at the same pace as before.

I had sought help from the Town Planner and Building Dept., without success. I then contacted the Agawam Health Agent, Randy White. He went to inspect the property and explained to the property owners that what they were doing constituted a violation of Mass. law insofar as they were maintaining a nuisance and if they failed to follow the Health Agent's directions, he would have to take the matter to Housing Court. I believe this order was ignored.

Mrs. Leary has been insulin-dependent for 41 years. Unfortunately, she now suffers from very serious neuropathy and marginal kidney function. She has been instructed to take daytime naps every day but, of course, has been unable to do this because of the noise...and cannot enjoy rest on our deck in good weather because of the dust, diesel fumes, and noise.

Others in the neighborhood have health problems that are as bad. The nuisance had become so difficult that of the 19 property owners on the street, 15 had signed a petition requesting relief...a copy of the petition was delivered to the Health Agent.

The Depergolas and I saw no solution remaining but to exercise our First Amendment Rights of Freedom of Expression and stating in clear language. "We won't take it anymore." We had a sign made by a professional signmaker that was put at the shoulder of the road and sat in three folding chairs in the road. There's almost no traffic of autos on our dead-end street during the day, but any cars that appeared suffered no delay because we moved ourselves and our folding chairs off the road.

After about 15 minutes, a sand-filled truck arrived. We knew the driver because we had asked him at another time to drive more slowly because half the driveways are blind drives and some of our older residents had experienced near misses with trucks. We told the driver he could not pass and would have to back out, which he did. Ten minutes later, a pick-up arrived and the driver introduced himself as one of the owners. He said he had come to see what was going on and after a few minutes, he said he agreed with us. He was dumping the fill and rubble at this Birch Hill address because it was the cheap way to get rid of it, and that his trucks would not be back. We thanked him and he left.

accomplished our purpose, so we could fold up our chairs and leave. At that moment, eight or nine police cruisers and a police prisoner transport van arrived

and 11 officers stepped onto the road. We were all stunned. We knew a cruiser might arrive, but never expected this kind of response. They approached us and asked what we were doing. We explained our actions and I suggested the sergeant in charge might want to call a superior because expressions with First Amendment rights do not happen very

I made the personal judgment that things were getting out of hand when the sergeant called the officers to a police meeting about 100 feet away. When they finished their meeting and approached us, I felt fear and asked the sergeant to have a doctor present because both of us men had serious health problems.

often in Agawam.

The sergeant ordered me to stand. I told him I had to remain in the chair and with a silent signal, four or five officers jumped on me and that many again on Mr. Depergola. We were both knocked to our knees and very painfully cuffed (the cuffs are not restraint instruments like you see on the sheriffs in the court room, they are instruments of great pain and torture).

We were painfully marched to the prisoner transport van and put in cages. They spent a few minutes trying to push me into a van cage that was simply too small for my physical size.

The ride to the police lock-up was a special form of pain because the van driver did everything he could to roll us around in the back of the van to injure us further. It is important to note that none of us was under the influence of drugs or alcohol; we were not a threat to anyone. Our brutal treatment was for allegation of misdemeanor.

When we arrived at the lock-up and our cuffs were removed, we had deep depressions on our wrists that remained for many hours. We surrendered our pocket contents, belts, and shoes. I was then ordered to surrender my wedding band, which has never been off since my wife put it on my finger on October 2, 1954 and in my religious belief, the wedding band is Sacramental and I said so. The police answer was, "If you don't take it off, we will." They then removed my Medi-Alert against my instructions from my cardiolo-

I was put in a naked cell (no soap, no towel, no bath tissue). After a few hours, an officer passed my door and I told him I had a problem for morning, that I had to take digitalis, coumadin, and modureic at 7:00 in the morning. His answer was, "That's your prob-

Any words I use to describe my shock and revulsion over the treatment by the police toward Mrs. Depergola would be insufficient. Rosa is a 60-yearold grandmother and is almost five feet tall. Her being defines strength of character and consideration to others. I never want to meet the Agawam officer that cuffed her so cruelly and treated her so harshly.

I have very serious responsibility to my wife because of her long-term illness. Her neuropathy leaves her with no feeling in her hands, so for 10 years, I have done all the cooking and clean-up. I simply cannot afford to be injured.

I am grateful that the abuse did not kill me...and that my neighbor survived without serious injury.

I remain very concerned about the well-being of the people that live in this community...the abuse and brutality used by the Agawam police was simply uncalled for...and you never need 10 officers to beat up two old men.

> Arthur J. O'Leary Agawam

A Wonderful Christmas Show At A Sparkling School

To The Editor:

On Thursday evening, December 7th, I had the opportunity to attend the Christmas show put on by Richie Mitnick and his singing group. This show was held at the Agawam Middle School. They put on a wonderful program before nearly a "full house" of enthusiastic supporters.

I was not only impressed with the performance, but also by the condition of the school building. The corridors, auditorium floors, and walls were all sparkling clean. This obviously reflects the pride that the students, their teachers, and school administrators have for this building.

I have attended other performances at this facility and have made the same observations. I wish to commend the school administration, staff, and students on the excellent condition of this beautiful building.

> Sincerely, Raoul L. Sands Agawam

Council President Sends Residents Holiday Message

To The Editor:

As the first year of the new millennium draws to a close, I look back and am grateful for the opportunity to serve Agawam as its President of the City Council.

This past year has been one of many accomplishments, but also of great loss. The deaths of Councilor Caba and Councilor Servis make us think of our own frailties. Every day we have to do our best to live a life, in both our public and private life, in such a way that we can be proud of what we have accomplished.

Both of our departed councilors served their town well and they will be remembered as good examples

Agawam is a great town; we have a history of community spirit which I remember as a youth growing up in Agawam. I am sure that most people growing up in a similar community can remember their own favorite moments. One of my delights is the knowledge that we have more ahead of us than we do in the past.

I enjoy the study of history for what it can teach us about the future. If we learn from our past, I can guarantee you that our future will be bright. The community groups that have come together to share the holidays is a small example of what can be done. Many more individuals multiply the few examples that I know of Agawam's generosity and contribution to organizations such as Open Pantry and the Salvation Army.

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The community spirit of coming together as exemplified on the Veterans' Green the other night four annual tree lighting is just a start of what we can look forward to during this season of sharing.

I would just like to add that at this time of anticipation and joy, let us joyfully go forth into the New Year. Lead by a spirit of community fellowship and family.

To you and yours, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Bob Magovern
Agawam Town Council President

Town Of Agawam Paramedics Receive Sincere Thanks

To The Editor:

Until this past month, I never really gave much thought to those ambulances screaming down Main Street, other than to pull over and let them pass. What I have learned over the last several weeks is that these paramedics and drivers are a decicated and professional group of men and women who love their work and their only focus is to make sure their charges are calm and comfortable so they can attend to their immediate needs.

I had to call them recently on two different occasions when my mom went into A-Fib and could not walk or move. One 911 call to the Agawam Fire Department brought me the most incredible team of paramedics I have ever seen. As I stood there wondering if mom was breathing her last breath, these dedicated people sprung into action in the calmest way (no TV "E.R." hoopla) and attended to my mom.

They asked me questions about her medications and medical history so there would be no mistakes. They moved quickly and responsively to everything mom needed to make the trip to Mercy Hospital a less scary experience.

When we arrived and the hospital personnel took over, they took the time to come and speak with me, calming my obvious fears and concerns.

I personally want to say thank you to Pam, Dave, and Scott, members of the Agawam Fire Department Paramedic Team, for their dedication and the focus they displayed in my mom's emergency calls. Mom is doing much better, due in a large part to the immediate attention of these three everyday heroes.

The Town of Agawam is so blessed to have such a wonderful team of caring professionals.

Warmest holiday wishes, Dee & Michael Ferrero Agawam

First Free Public Skate A Big Success For Town

To The Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the free ice-skating offered by the Park & Recreation Department.

More than 100 people traveled to the brand new Amelia Park in Westfield last Saturday to skate and enjoy themselves. Although the weather outside was frightful, the people inside were laughing and having fun.

This is the first time the Town has offered free public skating at another facility. The Park & Recreation Department will be offering free skating again in January and during the February vacation week.

Please watch this paper and the Community Channel for details as to when those will be offered. If you enjoy ice-skating and haven't been to Amelia Park you are missing a great opportunity.

Thank you, once again, for making this event a success.

Sincerely, Chris Sparks Director of Parks & Recreation

Sen. Melconian Donates To Toy For Joy In Lieu Of Cards

To The Editor:

Since this is the season of giving, I believe we must especially remember those children who would not be receiving any gifts this Christmas. For children, waking up to presents under the tree on Christmas morning is an important gift of love. It creates a magical feeling for children, a feeling that someone cares.

So, this holiday season, in lieu of Christmas cards sent to friends and family, I have made a donation to the 2000 Toy for Joy Fund. With this donation, I am hopeful that we all may be kept aware of the true meaning of Christmas through the smile of a child.

I wish you a most joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Linda J. Melconian Senate Majority Leader

Local Family Thanks Community For Benefit

To The Editor:

We would like to thank the following for a very successful benefit held on our behalf:

Rosemarie Brandoli and Eddie Borgartti, Jr., for all the hard work they put into making it a success; *The Agawam Advertiser News*, for the advertising; and the many vendors who donated to the raffle.

We cannot thank you enough.

Most of all, to all the many friends and customers of Westfield Bank in Agawam. You made this a night that Al and I will never forget. Your outpouring of love and friendship was surely shown to us that evening and will stay in our hearts forever.

Again, thank you all.

Love, Connie & Al Sandillo

The Junior Women's Santa Breakfast A Big Success

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club wishes to thank all those who attended and supported its Santa Breakfast. The club would like to especially thank Hood for its donations, and congratulate the winner of the "POO CHI" raffle, Claira Bertagnolli.

Through the support of those who helped out and the community for attending, the club is able to raise funds it needs to support events to assist our com-

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- Agawam Obituaries -

EDITH BONGIOVANNI

Edith (Scherpa) Bongiovanni, 83, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She worked at Southworth Paper Co. for 25 years.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident and a graduate of Agawam High School. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of the Holy Rosary Society. She was a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club.

Her husgand, Albert Bongiovanni, died in 1983. She leaves a son, William A. Bongiovanni of West Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 108 Bridge St., Agawam, MA 01001, or Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin St., Springfield, MA 01107.

AURELIA L. GRONDSKI

Aurelia L. (Wanat) Grondski, 87, of 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She was a credit officer at Valley Bank for many years and retired about 1975.

Born in Easthampton, she lived in Springfield most of her life and in Tarpon Springs, Florida, for 11 years before moving to Agawam.

She was a graduate of Commerce High School and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church. She was a member of the Women's Polish Alliance.

Her first husband, Theodore J. Grondski, died in 1977, and a daughter, Patricia Denette, died in 1986.

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She leaves her husband, Joseph Serafino; two

sons, Theodore Grondski of Southwick and William Grondski of Bloomington, Illinois; a daughter, Susan Latimer of West Yarmouth; a brother, Joseph Wanat of Sun City, Arizona; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was scheduled for the morning of Friday, December 22nd, at Grise Funeral Home in Chicopee and in the church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 21st.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church School Fund, 125 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

RITA V. TASSINARI

Rita V. (Thibodeau) Tassinari, 86, of Castle Hills Road, Agawam, died recently at home. She was an assembler for the former Westinghouse Co. in Springfield. She was born in Springfield and was a graduate of Commerce High School.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. Her husband, Caesar F. Tassinari, died in 1999. She leaves two brothers, Maurice Thibodeau of Springfield and Clarence Thibodeau of Chicopee; and three sisters, Lucy Bondi of Longmeadow and Ida McCarthy and Gladys Gurka, both of Springfield.

The funeral was at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

MICHAEL P. THOMAS

Michael P. Thomas, 55, of 35 Cecile St., Agawam, died recently at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. He owned and operated the Ceiling Co. for many years.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 28, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of DeCaro for

work to be performed on Springfield Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman Agawam Conservation Commission Published: December 21, 2000

A REMINDER TO OUR READERS: We do not publish between Christmas and New Year's. The next edition of The Agawam Advertiser News will be on Thursday, January 4, 2001; the deadline will be Tuesday, January 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

In Memory of Lionel "Lee" Rolland Greatly Missed By Your Loving Wife and Family





It's been one short year since you haven't been home with Mom.
It still sometimes feels like you are just out of town.
Then, like a warm wave, the truth will come rushing upon us.
And our minds and hearts are again overwhelmed by your loss.
This picture always reminds me of my first dance.
I was standing on your feet,

My head no taller than your chest, close enough to hear your heart beat.

We know it's with the angels that you are dancing with these days,

Probably a quick box step, gliding between the sun's rays.

We hope heaven is all that they say it is, as good as it seems,

With God's good grace, you will stay near to us,

Even if it's in our dreams.

Love, Lisa

Born in Albany, New York, he lived most of his life in Agawam. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Jerusalem Lodge of Masons, American Legion Post 185, the Agawam Knights of Columbus, and the Clown Division of the Shriners.

He leaves a son, Aaron D.; a brother, James E. of Westfield; and two sisters, Marion H. Dalton and Ann M. Thomas, both of Agawam.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home and in St. Ann's Church in West Springfield, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

ANTHONY L. TORINO

Anthony L. Torino, 72, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was a retired real estate and restaurant entrepreneur. Born in Springfield and a lifelong resident, he was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and a member of the Jewish Community Center, both in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Barbara G. Vevier; a sister, Genevieve Cellelli of Springfield; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farren Center, 340 Montague City Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376.

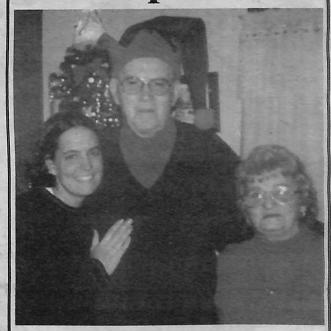
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munity, events such as the Holiday Basket Program, which provides food and toys to less fortunate Agawam families.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club

Happy Birthday Papa!!!



The family of Ed Caba
would like to wish each and
every one of you a
Happy Holiday Season and
a wonderful New Year.

In memory of Edward A. Caba

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Make Sure You Have Two Ways Out In The Event Of A Fire In Your Home

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if it did? Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely?

In 1987, the year for which the most current fire statistics are available, 4,660 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire, so they aren't prepared when a fire occurs and react improperly when a fire does occur. Family members should plan ahead by taking the following actions in the event their homes are stricken by a fire:

- * Install and maintain smoke detectors; at least one on each level and one outside each bedroom area.
- * Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom; a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window), should the doorway be blocked.
- * For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

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* Some family members may need assistance escaping, such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For second- and third-story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.
- * Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.
- * Most important ... practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.
- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.
- * Once family members are outside at the distinguished meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number - 911 - and have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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> By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman **Agawam Conservation Commission**

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Apply Now For Next "Citizens Police Academy"

Town residents or business owners interested in attending the winter session of the "Citizens Police Academy" can pick up an application at the Agawam Police Station at 681 Springfield Street.

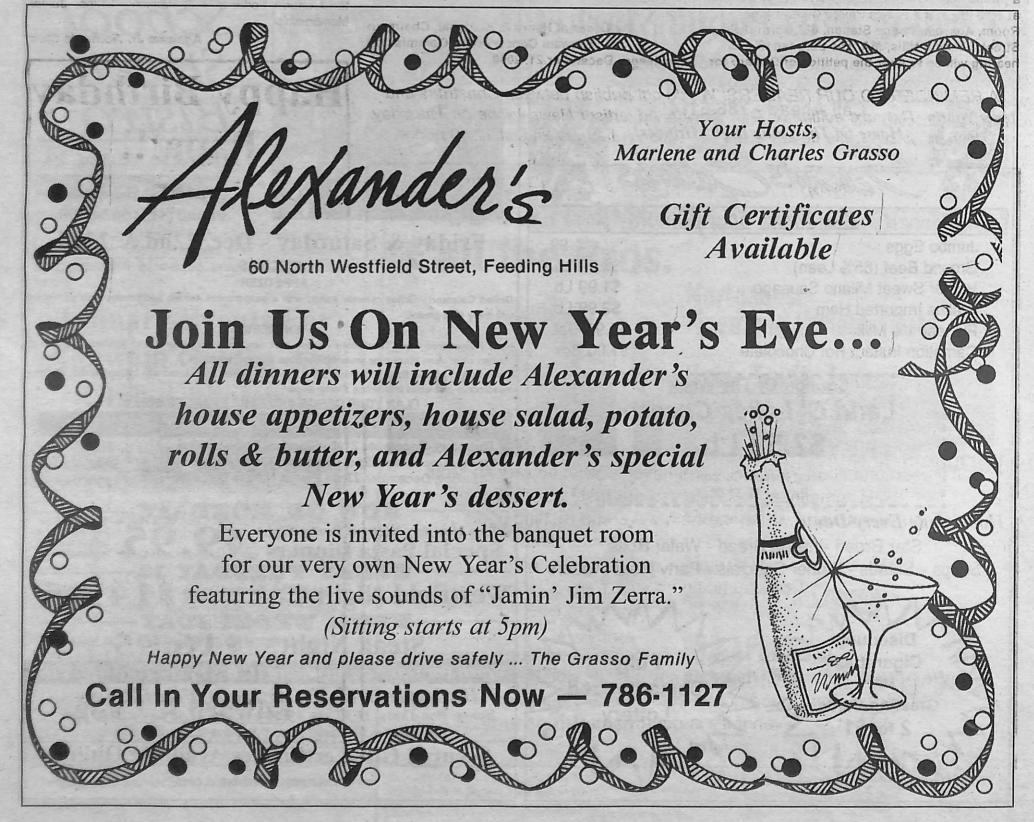
The academy sessions will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Police Station, beginning January 9th and ending on March 13th. The class is limited to 15 participants. The application deadline is January 3rd.

The "Citizens Police Academy" allows Town residents and business owners a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement issues in a 10-week session.

In addition to participating in classroom discussions, academy members will tour the Police Station and Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center on South Westfield Street.

The classes will cover every aspect of police work from the dispatch desk to the investigative process used at crime scenes, and will include topics like juvenile issues, use of force and officer safety, patrol procedures, gang-related issues, and crime prevention strategies.

Happy Holidays From The Staff Of The Agawam Advertiser News!





Agawam Man Awarded Medals 57 Years After Death

Sergeant Frank I. Luccardi, formerly of Highland Avenue, Agawam, was recently awarded six military medals posthumously. Sergeant Luccardi was born November 12, 1912 in Agawam, the eighth of 11 children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Luccardi.

Before entering the Army, Luccardi was employed by Pratt & Whitney in Hartford as a plant operations

Sergeant Luccardi died while aboard a British troop transport ship off the coast of Oran, Algeria on the night of November 26, 1943. His ship, the Rohna, was attacked from the air and destroyed. The destruction of the Rohna has become an historical event since it was the first successful "hit" of a vessel at sea carrying U.S. troops by a German remote-controlled, rocket-boosted bomb, thus giving birth to the missile age. It resulted in the greatest loss of troops at sea (1,015 men) in U.S. history.

The true story of this ship was kept under a veil of secrecy for over 50 years by the government until recently, when some survivors and their families, using the Freedom of Information Act, finally gained access to the true story. The Congress of the United States just recently (October 10, 2000) passed House Resolution #408 (authored by Congressman Jack Metcalf), commending the men of the Rohna and finally recognizing their heroism and bravery under extreme conditions, although it took 57 years to do so.

Sergeant Luccardi was a member of the 853rd Engineer Aviation Battalion, an outfit that bore the brunt of the explosion on the Rohna. More than half of the casualties were men from the 853rd.

Many men who were terribly wounded, in disregard for their own safety, stayed in the inferno and helped affect the escape of the trapped men. For his unselfish efforts in the face of such adversity, Sergeant Luccardi was awarded the following medals: the Bronze Star Medal (for heroic or meritorious achievement), the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Victory in World War II Medal, and the Honorable Service Medal.

Since he was lost at sea, Sergeant Frank Luccardi's name is inscribed on the Wall of the Missing in the North Africa-American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia. The medals were recently received by members of his family.



SGT. FRANK I. LUCCARDI

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HAVING A FINE TIME at the Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 are (left photo, from left) -Mary Gagliarducci, Helen Lawrenchuk, Rose Haynes, Eileen St. John, and Milli Swain. In right photo (standing) - Theresa Brodeur, Hal Deyo, and Desiree Jacobs. Seated - Jean Carter, Gloria Kelleher, Lorraine Fontaine, and Nellie Mathias. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Ag. Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 Holds Banquet

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 held its Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at Chez Josef in Agawam. The club's president, Perry McCobb, welcomed members to the festivities which began at 11:00 a.m. with a social hour. Members enjoyed eggnog, fruit, cheese and crackers, and dip while visiting with many friends.

At 12:00 noon, McCobb led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called upon Leanore Dion, club chaplain, to give the opening prayer.

Following the banquet, McCobb complimented Chez Josef personnel for their delicious food, prompt service, and the attractive Christmas decorations in the Trivoli Room.

He also expressed thanks and appreciation to the members of the party committee: Thelma Gardners, table arrangements; Leanore Dion, chaplain; James Birchall, banquet coordinator; Barbara Sherry, Eileen Collier, and Arthur Collier, ticket sales; Virginia Lake, entertainment.

Program chairperson Virginia Lake introduced the entertainment for the afternoon, The Three Baritones, who presented a talented program of Christmas music.

January Events For Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2

Wednesday, January 3rd: Regular meeting at Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. Bingo will be played.

Wednesday, January 17th: Regular meeting at Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. Joan Linehan will entertain.

Friday, January 26th: Board of Directors' meeting at Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

- * No field trips are scheduled for the month of January.
- * Annual dues for the year 2001 are now payable to Thelma Gardner, 57 Bessbrook Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.
- * Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to attend our meetings and join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS at the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef are (from left) - Jim Birchall, Barbara Sherry, Lee Dion, Virginia Lake, Perry McCobb, Thelma Gardner, Art Collier, and Eileen Collier. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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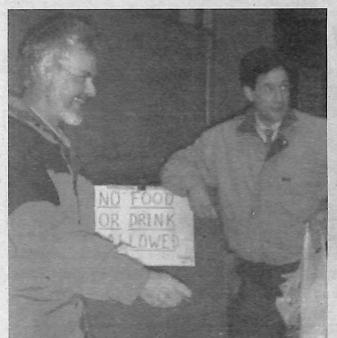
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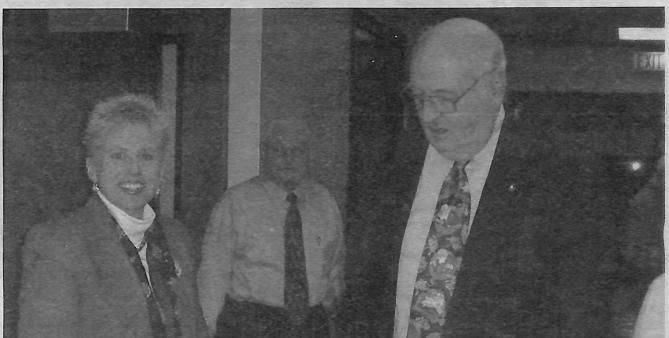
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Parish Cupboard, Charities Benefit From Rotary Concert



AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS Linda Northup Vitro (left, club president) and member Darilynn Nardi (next to Mrs. Northup Vitro) helped out at the prizes table during the intermission of a benefit concert staged by the Rotarians to benefit the Parish Cupboard and other Rotary charities. The Sounds of Music Singers, featuring Richie & Kathy Mitnick, donated their services to further benefit these worthy charities.





THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB sponsored a concert at the Agawam Middle School featuring Richie & Kathy Mitnick and the Sounds of Music Singers to benefit the Parish Cupboard and other Rotary charities. The Mitnicks graciously donated their services. In left photo, Rotary members John Barber (left) and Buddy Denison (right) collect canned goods for the Parish Cupboard. In right photo - Rotary President Linda Northup and Past Presidents Don Morris (center) and Charlie Heyl (right) man the admission ticket sales table.

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Ag. Jr. Women Offering Final **Holiday Ornament**

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is offering its final ornament this year. The Junior Women have offered an ornament each year, celebrating Agawam's "historic" locations.

This year's ornament features the Agawam Veterans' Gazebo. This ornament is available for the price of \$6, and may be purchased at the Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, or Surprise! Card & Gift.

Some of the past years' ornaments are available: 1992, the Old Agawam Center Library; 1996, Agawam Fire Department; 1997, the Agawam Town Seal; 1998, the Agawam Town Hall.

These ornaments are available by calling Betty Vershon at 786-4357 or Pam Quirk at 789-3274.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation

of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... **ADVERTISER** NEWS!!!

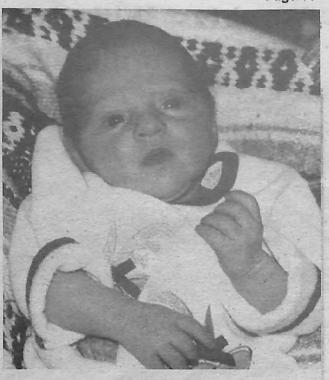
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The Landry Family **Announces Birth Of** Daughter, Samantha

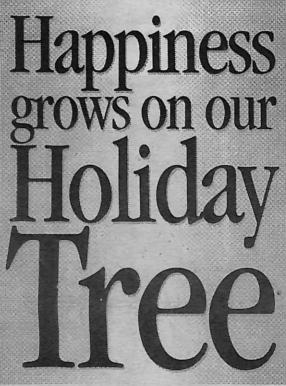
Jennifer & David Landry of Feeding Hills have proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Samantha Marie Landry, who was born on November

The proud grandparents are Marian & Joseph Giannetti of Agawam, and Terry & Gerry Landry, also of Agawam.

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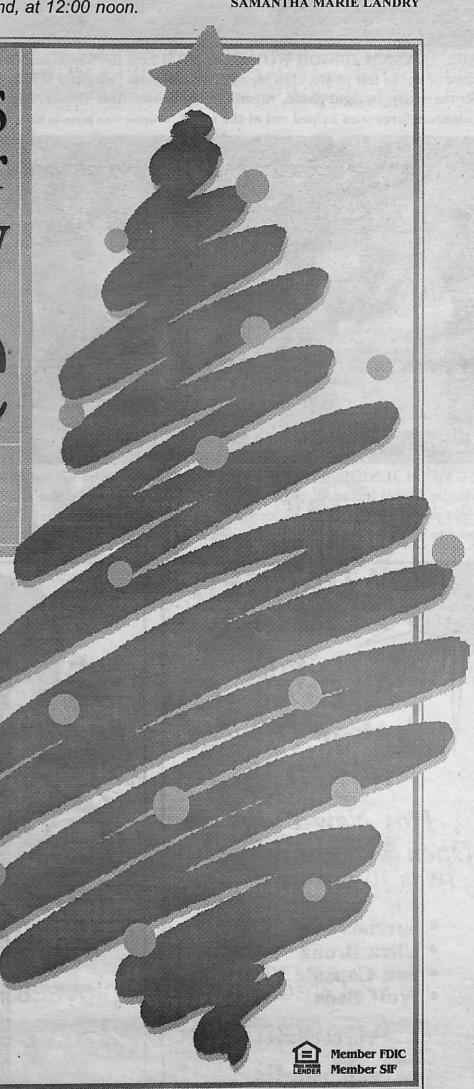
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Breakfast With Santa & Mrs. Claus Courtesy Of Ag. Jr. Women





THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB held its "Breakfast With Santa & Mrs. Claus" at the Middle School and a large group of kids showed up. In left photo, club members Carol Rose (left) and Wilma Gillan hold up a basket of donated goods to be used in the holiday baskets for the needy. In right photo, members Pat Belisle, Ann Woodard (president), Donna M. Shibley, and Ginny Stempel (standing) were part of the volunteer force who helped out at the event. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



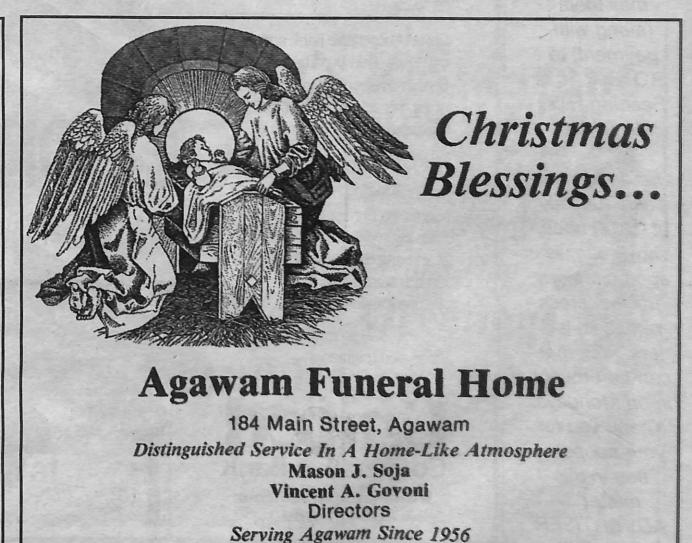


AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS who helped to organize the recent "Breakfast With Santa & Mrs. Claus" at the Agawam Middle School included (clockwise) - Stephanie Bertagnolli, Sue Godfrey, Aileen Semanie, Rosalie Dialessi, Laura Paul, and Betty Vershon. In right photo, Feeding Hills resident Cecilia Calabrese and her two kids, Charles and Michaela, patiently wait their turn to see the famous couple (and to let them know how good they have been this year). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

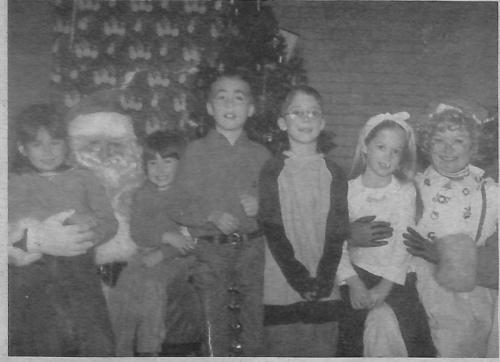


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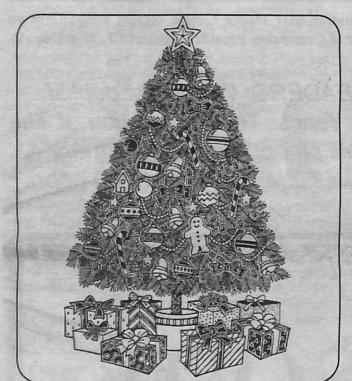


Santa & Mrs. Claus Hear Many Good Stories At Breakfast





THE TWO MOST POPULAR people at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's "Breakfast With Santa & Mrs. Claus" were, of course, the happy couple themselves. In left photo, the kids pictured are Kathleen Stempel, Jennifer Stempel, Michael Stempel, Kevin Afonso, and Spenser Afonso. In right photo, Town Councilor Joseph Mineo watches his daughter, Joanna, tell Santa how nice she's been over the past year. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Agawam St. Patrick's Committee Slates General Meeting

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will be holding its next general meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3rd, at the Agawam Junior High

School teachers' cafeteria (Springfield Street). All are invited to attend this meeting.

Have a safe and happy holiday season....AAN!!!

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Agawam Chamber Holds Annual Holiday Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce recently held their Annual Holiday Breakfast at Chez Josef. Sponsored by Dan & Nancy's Antiques, the breakfast featured Dave Ratner, President of Dave's Soda & Pet City, Inc., as the guest speaker. Donna Safford Fleury of Vinson Associates acted as Chief Greeter for the event.

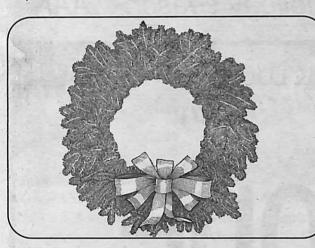
Ratner and assistant manager Sandy Gentile amused guests with a presentation that featured several animals from his store. Ratner spoke to the audience of over 100 business leaders about his decision to market puppies and advised guests to wait until before or after Christmas Eve when purchasing a puppy as a holiday gift.

Also featured on the breakfast program were Agawam Chamber Super 60 honorees Conrad Fafard, Inc., Environmental Compliance Services, RiverBend Medical Group, and Spectrum Analytical, Inc.

Agawam Chamber President Robert F.L. MacDonald presented Shooting Star Dance Center with a plaque in recognition of their recent Spotlight on Business Tour.

Holiday musical performances by the Agawam High School Choir and Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Stephen Files and Tammy Watson, and dance performances by the students from Shooting Star Dance Center, completed the breakfast.

For information about upcoming Agawam Chamber events, please call the Chamber offices at 755-1307. For information about Chamber membership, call 755-1385.



We Finally Made It!
Happy 16th
Birthday
Steven



Love, Mom, Dad, & Kate



CAROL ANN BOARDWAY CHAPIN of Shooting Star Dance Center accepts a Spotlight on Business Tour Plaque from Agawam Chamber of Commerce President Robert F.L. MacDonald.

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Season's Eatings

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS FROM ALL OF US DOWN ON THE FARM.





"Beauty Corner" by Mary Ann Zicolella Salon Tres Chic At Twin Silos 1407 Suffield Street Agawam, MA 01001 (413) 786-8274

Spa Treatments At Home

Wouldn't it be fun to have a few close friends over for an evening of pampering during the rush of the holiday season? Why not? You deserve it! Light a fire in your fireplace, if you have one, and put on some holiday music. Brew a pot of your favorite tea and put out some of those Christmas cookies you have been baking. Lavender candles will add some relaxation to your senses, so light a bunch for atmosphere.

Begin your spa treatment with a conditioning scalp massage. For thin or fine hair, whisk one cup dark beer with one teaspoon olive oil. Pour mixture through clean hair and massage into scalp for three to five minutes; rinse. The olive oil softens and conditions while the beer adds body and volume. For normal to dry hair, use one cup of Witch Hazel instead of beer. Next, we will make a rose oil shampoo. Whisk together 1/2 cup distilled water and 1/2 cup Paul Mitchell Baby Shampoo. Add 1 teaspoon jojoba oil, 1/8 teaspoon rose oil, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Now follow with a final herbal rinse. Take 2 cups of distilled water and add 2 tablespoons dried rosemary (for dark hair) or chamomile (for light hair) in a covered pot. Heat just until boiling. Strain out herbs and cool. Pour through hair after shampooing to remove buildup and leftover shampoo and leave a sweet-smelling fragrance.

Now we should treat that winter abused skin with an apple-oatmeal scrub. In a bowl, mix 2 tablespoons rolled outs, 1-1/2 teaspoons cornmeal, and 1 tablespoon honey with a fork, making a paste. In food processor, combine 1/2 medium apple (peeled and cored) with the paste. Apply mixture generously to the face and gently scrub in circular motion. Rinse with warm water and pat dry. Finally, a moisturizing mask made with 1 tablespoon sesame oil, 1/2 soft, ripe avocado (peeled), and 1 tablespoon plain yogurt. Combine in a blender until smooth. Using a circular motion, massage evenly onto face, avoiding the eye area. Leave on five minutes, then rinse off with warm water and pat skin dry.

For the delicate eye area, mix 2 tablespoons aloe vera gel and 1 tablespoon sesame oil. The aloe vera is a light moisturizer that is easily absorbed by the skin and the sesame oil acts as an anti-inflammatory to reduce puffiness. Apply with your little finger by gently patting the mixture around the eye area.

Now to moisturize, mix 2 tablespoons jojoba oil with 7-10 drops of your favorite essential oil. The jojoba will seal moisture into the skin and protect it from the elements. If you have oily skin, substitute aloe vera gel for the jojoba oil.

Now wasn't that just great? All these products can be made ahead and stored in the refrigerator. If you like, purchase small, inexpensive bottles and send your guests home with some spa treats. My favorite gift is a container of epsom salt for the bath. Tie around the lid with a colorful fabric ribbon or raffia. My recipe is to combine 1 cup epsom salt, 1 teaspoon jojoba oil, and 5-7 drops of lavender oil (a few drops of food coloring will make it look pretty). Add to warmrunning bath water and soak for 10-20 minutes. This is a great way to soothe sore muscles, moisturize the skin, and to calm the senses.

One more positive thought for the New Year. When making those resolutions, why not be more positive. Instead of making yourself all those promises that you will never keep, try making ones that will bring you up instead of down. Resolve to treat yourself to a monthly massage or pedicure. Try a weekly manicure or facial. Maybe treat yourself to some personal time to read or catch up on all those movies you haven't had time to see, and don't forget the popcorn!

Thought for a smile: Church bells singing...Happy Holidays!

For all the hometown news, you turn our pages each and every week ... AAN!!!

Agawam St. Patrick's Committee Schedules Colleen Pageant

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will be holding its Colleen Pageant at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2001 at the Agawam Middle School on 68 Main St. Admission to this is \$5 per person.

The Committee's five finalists for the Colleen and her court will be chosen by three judges at the pageant. The Colleen will be chosen at a Colleen Brunch on February 4, 2001 with gifts from local donors, a scholarship, and a trip for two to Ireland provided by Travel Majic of Agawam.

Application entries must be dated by December 27, 2000 and should include a \$10 fee.

Eligible contestants are young, single female resi-

dents of Feeding Hills and Agawam, of Irish ancestry, between ages of no less than 16 years and no more than 22 years-old by the date of March 17, 2001.

Eligible contestants must never have been married, nor have had children, shall have completed or now be in the high school junior year, and must complete a resume.

All qualified Agawam and Feeding Hills residents remain eligible. Please mail application entries to P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001-0825, or please contact Colleen Committee Chair Susan Dawson, at 789-3400 for more information.

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Pictures With Santa



ARTHUR P. BOGLISH AND SONS NURS-ERY ON South West Street was the spot for the Agawam Police Explorers to hold a creative fundraiser with photos available taken with Santa. Explorers with Santa are Alex Morgan (left) and Scott Drenzek. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Mon., Dec. 25th: SENIOR CENTER CLOSED.

Tues., Dec. 26th: Country pie, salad, rye bread,

Wed., Dec. 27th: Meatloaf, cheesy potato, green beans, rolls, brownie.

Thurs., Dec. 28th: Chicken leg, baked potato, sauteed cabbage & beans, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

Fri., Dec. 29th: Scalloped potato w/tuna & peas on biscuit, cucumber & tomato salad, Jello, fruit.

Mon., Jan. 1st: SENIOR CENTER CLOSED.

Tues., Jan. 2nd: Swiss steak, peppers, tomatoes, onions & potatoes, beet salad, whole wheat bread, mocha smoothie.

Wed., Jan. 3rd: Roast chicken leg, potato wedges, spinach, dinner roll, cake.

Thurs., Jan. 4th: Vegetable tortellini soup, roast | beef & cheddar sandwich, sweet & sour red salad | (hot), mixed fruit.

Fri., Jan. 5th: Seafood casserole, egg noodles, salad, rye bread, pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Classical High Class of 1975 Plans Reunion

The Classical High School Class of 1975 will hold its 25-year reunion on Friday, December 29th and will be an outstanding event for all who attend!

If you have not yet replied, please do so. If you have not received a reservation packet, please call Kathy or Chris at Christo's Restaurant (786-5711) with your current mailing address.

Looking forward to seeing <u>all classmates</u> attend what will surely be a memorable occasion!

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Helping Hands At Heritage Holiday Bazaar



HERITAGE HALL NORTH BUILDING Activities Director Lisa Parent (left) and Activities Assistant Kristina Borgatti (holding the snowman she won in a raffle) were some of the helping hands at the Annual Holiday Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



HERITAGE HALL NORTH BUILDING held its Annual Holiday Bazaar recently and lending their help to the effort were Cameron Pinkham, Paula DeJoinville, and Ral Del Barba. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Draghetti Family Donates To Agawam Historical Association





THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION recently received a generous donation from the Draghetti family of Feeding Hills. In left photo are Irene Draghetti (seated), her daughter, Joanne, and her son, Steve, along with the eagle that once graced the top of the flagpole of the Feeding Hills Center School (built in 1874). Also pictured are several items from the A.J. Austin Cigar Manufacturing Co., which was located on the Draghetti's property on North Westfield St. In right photo stands the building that was once the cigar company, dating from about 1910.

If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The Agawam Advertiser News!!

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Employee Service Awards Program Held December 4th

On December 4th, the Town of Agawam held the "Employee Service Awards Program" to acknowledge individuals who have worked full- or part-time and have five or more years of continuous service with the town

The program was an opportunity for the town to voice its appreciation for the dedication of its employees. Employees recognized and their years of service are:

35 Years: John J. Savioli; 30 Years: Dana A. Almquist, Mark A. Bielinski, Vernon P. Farmer, Walter J. Valego; 25 Years: Nicholas W. Lascala, Robert F. Marsh, Ross A. Wojcik.

20 Years: Brian W. Blackak, Michael J. Blake, James K. Brown, Douglas B. Cesan, Richard B. Curry, Steven G. Draghetti, James E. Flynn, Michael R. Mercadante, Karl J. Schmaelzle; 15 Years: David A. Benoit, Steven H. Castelli, Eugene A. Hurteau, Wilfredo Martinez, Adalberto C. Montanez, Pamela M. Murphy, Vincent A. Pietroniro, Richard R. Reed, Joseph D. Shaer, Jose M. Vazquez, Marc A. Yacavone.

10 Years: Joanna M. Fazio, Kevin K. Marek, Scott A. Mitchell; 5 Years: Donna J. Blews, Bernard J. Calvi, Anthony G. Cichetti, Katherine L. Deliso, Jeffrey S. Eades, Roger L. Jones, William W. Kushin, Pamela J. Lynch, Richard A. McDonnell, Jr., Mary L. McEwan, Barbara A. Moriarty, Sherry E. Petrucci, Joseph M. Santore, Daniel T. Simpson, David S. Walles.



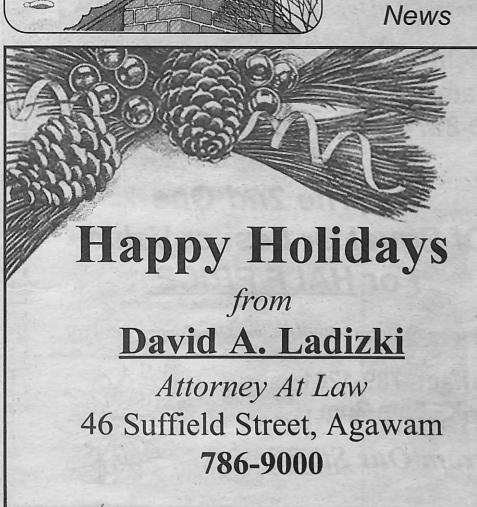


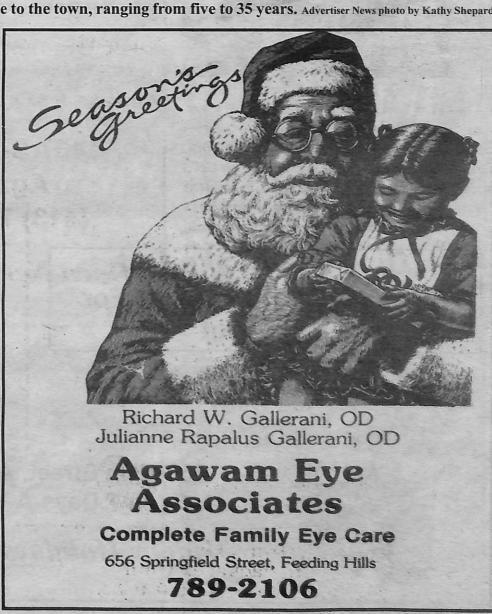
LONG-TIME AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF MEMBER John Savioli (holding trophy) was recently honored at Agawam Town Hall for his 35 years of service to the Town of Agawam. Town officials who participated in the ceremony included, from left - John P. Stone, Superintendent of Public Works; Mayor Richard A. Cohen, and Sandra MacFadyn, personnel officer. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN (center) and honored town employees are pictured at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course on the day when employee service awards were handed out to town workers for service to the town, ranging from five to 35 years. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Best Local News





Leonard House Trustees Hold Annual Holiday Open House



ANN SOREL OF AGAWAM (left) and Lillian Doyle share a few moments together at the Annual Holiday Open House at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam Center on Sunday, December 10th. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



HAVING A CUP OF TEA AT THE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House are, from left - Barbara Swanson, Bernice Burton, Janet Wysocki, Sheryl Mardeusz, and Ernest Swanson (long-time trustee). The Open House inclued a tour of Agawam's most historic home. Advertisr News photo by Kathy Shepard.

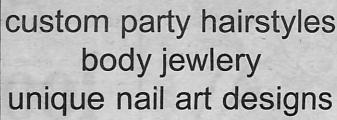
Happy Holidays from the staff of The Agawam Advertiser News!!!



MUSIC ON THE HARP WAS PART OF THE FESTIVITIES at a Holiday Open House sponsored by the Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House held Sunday, December 10th. In photo below - trustee Richard Bellico (left) hands a glass of cider to Feeding Hills resident Ronald LaRiviere. This photo is taken in a pantry that was once used to serve guests who arrived by stagecoach. Advertiser News photos by Kathy



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Faith Bible Church Dedicates Addition



THE FAITH BIBLE CHURCH on Shoemaker Lane dedicated its new addition at a public open house held Sunday, December 10th. Church officials standing in front of the new addition are (from left) Deacon Rodney Roy, Deacon Jim Kearney, Reverend James J. Jasmin, and Deacon Robert Shepard. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Church News" is just one more reason why you turn our pages each and every week ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



Reflections... submitted by Rev. Peter Monahan Pastor of the New Life Christian Church, Suffield, CT (413) 789-1377 or toll free (877) 643-9801

A Real Savior For Real People...

According to Greek mythology, Atlas, Zeus, and Hercules were among the gods. They supposedly lived on or around Mount Olympus, and supposedly were capable of performing supernatural feats. However, as all of us know, Atlas, Zeus, and Hercules were not real people. The stories about them are only imaginations; useful for making children's cartoons and as the basis of action heroes, but not much more.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that any serious belief or faith in the Greek gods is not wellfounded. Yes, they make for good stories, but no, one cannot depend upon them. To the extent anybody ever did depend upon them, they had no basis for doing so. They weren't real.

The Christian faith could not be more different from Greek mythology. Our faith is based upon a real Person, who actually existed in a certain time and in a certain place. That person's name is Jesus. Most of us know Him as Jesus Christ; but Christ is actually His title, not His last name. To His contemporaries, He was known as Jesus of Nazareth, or Jesus Bar Joseph, which means Jesus son of Joseph. The point is, Jesus was a real, live person, not a mythological figure.

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Sunday School

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Unlike the Greek mythological gods, we know when Jesus lived, and we know when He began His public ministry. Keep in mind that although the western world's calendar begins with the first Christmas, the world obviously didn't always measure time that way.

The Bible pinpoints the time when Jesus initiated His public ministry. For fifteen years Emperor Tiberius had ruled that part of the world. Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was the ruler of Galilee. Herod's brother, Philip, was the ruler in the countries of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was the ruler of Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the Jewish high priests. We know from history that the fifteenth year of Tiberius' reign was either A.D. 28 or 29. We know that Annas was high priest from A.D. 6 until A.D. 15, and that his sonin-law, Caiaphas, was high priest from A.D. 18 to A.D. 37. We also know that that was the same time that Pontius Pilate and the other lesser rulers were also in power. Therefore, we know the time period in which Jesus began His ministry; as we would expect to, since Jesus was a real, live person.

Another feature which distinguishes Jesus from mythological figures is that He operated around real, live people. Indeed, that feature is one of the things which distinguishes God, as we know Him by His revelation of Himself through the Bible, from all other so-called gods. The story of God in the Old Testament, as well as the story of Jesus in the New Testament, is told in the context of their relationships with people.

The story of the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry is told in the context of another person. At that time God spoke to Zechariah's son, John, who was living in the desert. We know John as John the Baptist. He was Jesus' cousin. In all likelihood, Jesus and John grew up near each other and played with each other as children. Our Savior is a real person, in many ways just like us. He lived in a real family, in a real village. Real people knew Him.

Mythological gods of all sorts have a common feature; they are generally useless. They have no real purpose in themselves, and are of no real value to people. In direct contrast to this, Jesus came to earth with a real purpose, and is of great value to people. The Bible tells us that the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. We are people of flesh and blood. That is why Jesus became one of us. He died to destroy the devil, who had power over death. But He also died to rescue all of us who live each day in fear of dying.

In direct contrast to mythological gods, the real God has sent His real Son to be a real Savior for real people. We are not supposed to respond to mythological gods; indeed, there is no way we can respond to them. We are, however, supposed to respond to Jesus. The Bible tells us that God spoke to John. So John went along the Jordan Valley, telling people, "Turn back to God and be baptized! Then your sins will be forgiven." Isaiah the prophet, himself another real person, who lived some 700 years before Jesus and John, wrote about John when he said, "In the desert someone is shouting, 'Get ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for Him. Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill. Straighten out the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads. Then everyone will see the saving power of God."

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Holiday Cheer At Ag. Congregational



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in Agawam Center held an elegant holiday get-together which included refreshments, gentle lighting, music by harp, gifts, and plenty of good cheer from those who attended. ABOVE are some of the women who participated. Standing (from left) - Dale Melanson, Ann Tapply, Joan Hauser, Nancy Modzelewski, Barbara Vangsness, Betty Fogg, and Lois Ruby. Seated - Lynn Taillman and Priscilla Andrews. IN PHOTO BELOW: The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Eisenbach are pictured with long-time congregation member Jessie Fuller (left). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.





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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE...



BY BRAD WRIGHT, PASTOR AGAWAM CHURCH OF THE BIBLE Meeting 10:00 AM Sundays at the Agawam Jr. High 789-2904

THE KING IN A MANGER

What a strange story we have regarding Christmas . I would think it quite odd if it weren't true, and quite awesome if it is (and of course all historical and legal evidence would point to its truth). "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son...."

A story of God giving His son. Why? Because of God's love for people. To what end? That Jesus might live and then die? But again why? To pay for the sins of the world. To what purpose? That you and I might have eternal life. A paradox, is it not, that a holy and all-powerful Deity would give up His Son to save sinful human creatures such as us. Consider

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these interesting facts as recorded by James Boice:

"We see that Jesus endured a human birth to give us a new spiritual birth. He occupied a stable that we might occupy a mansion (in heaven). He had an earthly mother so that we might have a heavenly Father. He became subject that we might be free (from sin's power). He left His glory to give us glory. He was poor that we might be rich (spiritually!) He was welcomed by shepherds at His birth whereas we at our birth (spiritual) are welcomed by angels (the Scriptures say the angels rejoice!). He was hunted by Herod that we might be delivered from the grasp of Satan." The Christmas story is the beginning of a reversal of roles at God's cost to our benefit. God serving, loving, reaching... when actually He is worthy of being served and loved. Mankind being reached by God when we ought to be serving and loving and worshiping.

We waited for 35-plus days with eager anticipation for news concerning who our next President will be. If that has kept our attention, you would think the world would have eagerly awaited the arrival of the Christchild, God the Son. On the contrary, the world was so busy with its affairs that it would not even make room for Him to be born. He had to be born in a stable. Besides, no one would even have noticed the birth if God had not sent angels to announce it to shepherds and sent a star to guide the eastern kings to Palestine. Consider the innkeeper who had no room for them in

the inn!

Put yourself in the shoes of the innkeeper, as described by American writer Frederick Buechner: "I speak to you as men of the world," said the Innkeeper. "not as idealists but as realists. Do you know what it is like to run an inn, to run a business, a family, to run anything in this world for that matter, even your own life: it is like being lost in a forest of a million trees," said the Innkeeper, "and each tree is a thing to be done. Is there fresh linen on all the beds? Did the children put on their coats before they went out? Has the letter been written, the book read? Is there money enough left in the bank? Today we have food in our bellies and clothes on our backs, but what can we do to make sure we will have them still tomorrow? A million trees. A million things... Finally we have eyes for nothing else, and whatever we see turns into a thing."

Do you feel like the innkeeper this Christmas? A million things to do. The true meaning of Christmas was right on the innkeeper's doorstep, but he missed it! This Christmas don't let the true meaning of Christmas pass you by. It's right on your doorstep, and its found in a bundle of joy called Jesus Christ. Not sentimental thoughts about a nice baby, but a personal life-changing relationship with the one who is "born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." If you haven't yet pondered God's gift to you this Christmas season, do it now, before it passes you by.

Parish News & Notes From St. John's

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: Regular weekend Masses Saturday and Sunday; Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 12:00 midnight; Christmas Day, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

ANOTHER GREAT BAZAAR: The parish community gratefully acknowledges the gift to St. John's from the Catholic Women's Club Bazaar on December 2nd. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Fr. Howard last Monday night. Once again, the Women's Club spearheaded and coordinated this wonderful fundraiser for the parish. Deep thanks to everyone who made the Bazaar a success once again.

2001: A DANCE ODYSSEY: Our Parish Millennium Committee is sponsoring this event to bring to a close this very special Millennium Year and open up the New Year of vision and hope.

DINNER ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH: At St. John's Parish Center. Menu: roast prime beef or baked stuffed shrimp. The cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, call Lorraine Maniscalchi at 786-4149. Reservations are available for tables of eight, also (first come, first serve - space limited to 200 people).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: As you know, we have a group of parishioners who are available to oversee the needs of the parish physical plant. They identify needs, plan projects, and (if possible) assemble manpower to accomplish them. There is room on the committee for talents of all kinds. Why not "come and see." Just call the rectory at 786-8105.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR MILLENNI-UM COMMITTEE: As chairman of the Millennium Committee, I wish to thank the following parishioners: Ray Provist, Bill Beaudry, and Peter Drewniak for the Millennium flyer; Barbar Pfau and her staff who designed and made the Millennium Quilts on display in the Parish Center; Mariann Green and her staff who fashioned the Growth Vine which has decorated the rear wall of the Church this past year; and all the chairpersons and their helpers from the various parish ministries who sponsored the monthly After-Mass Breakfasts; and all those who initially served on my committee in thinking up ways to celebrate the new century. Lastly, a special thanks to Patricia and David Drewniak who became my right hand in so many ways.

St. David's Church To Host Baked Ham Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a baked ham dinner on Monday, January 8th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include baked ham, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, garden salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and bread pudding.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages five through 12 (the dinner is free for children under five years of age). They may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:15 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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A Gift For All Ages

She brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths. —Luke 2:7

In the early 19th century, a war-weary world was anxiously watching the march of Napoleon. All the while, babies were being born.

In 1809, midway between the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, William E. Gladstone was born in Liverpool, England; Alfred, Lord Tennyson in Somersby, England; Oliver Wendell Holmes in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Felix Mendelssohn in Hamburg, Germany; and Abraham Lincoln in Hodgenville, Kentucky. People's minds were occupied with battles, not babies. Yet nearly 200 years later, is there the slightest doubt about which made the greater contribution to history—those battles or those babies?

So it was with the birth of Jesus. The Bethlehem crowds had no inkling that the Son of God was asleep in their little town. Only a few shepherds came to see Him, and they left glorifying God.

Oh, how we need to recapture some of the marvel and wonder of that infant child coming into the world! He came into this war-torn world of selfishness and sin for one purpose—to die as a sacrifice for our sins. The forgiveness He offers will satisfy the deepest need of our hearts. Truly, Jesus is a gift for all ages. Have you by faith received that gift? —DJD

He did not use a silvery box Or paper green and red; God laid His Christmas gift to me Within a manger bed.—Prentice

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News & Activities From Sacred Heart

Christmas Mass Schedule: The Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal (Church) Schedule for December 24th and 25th is as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve): 4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m., Children's Mass; 12:00 Midnight, Midnight Mass.

Monday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day): 9:00 a.m., Mass During the Day; 11:00 a.m., Mass During the

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule for December 31st and January 1st is as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve): 4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass.; Mon., Jan. 1st (New Year's Day): 9:00 a.m., Mass; 11:00 a.m., Mass.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 18th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary for World Peace - (Church)

Tuesday, Dec. 19th: 6:00 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal (Church).

Wed., Dec. 20th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary for World Peach (Church); 5:15 p.m., Weight Watchers (Center); 6:30 p.m., Cub and Webelo Scouts (Center);

Calendar Of Events At Valley Community

Once again, we stand amazed at the miracle of the Incarnation - Emmanuel, God with us. We, at Valley Community Church, welcome you to come visit us and fill the sanctuary of the Lord with praise, "Glory to God in the highest."

Calendar:

Sun., Dec. 24th: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship and refreshment; 11:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

The community is welcome to attend our services and fellowship with us. We are located at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational

church and anyone wishing more information may call our shepherd, Pastor Gene deJongh at 786-2445.

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please note that our main entrance is in the back. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance. Thank you...

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Thurs., Dec. 21st: 6:30 p.m., Tiger Cubs (Center); 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts (Center)

Sat., Dec. 23rd: 7:00 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous (Center); 7:15 & 8:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous (Center)

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Confirmation Retreat for the 11th Grade Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, January 8th and Tuesday, January 30th, 2001 from 5:00-9:00

Confirmation students who received a letter with the January 8th date must attend on the 8th and those who received a letter with the January 30th date must attend on the 30th.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI) AVAILABLE

Envelopes of Christmas wafers (fuller explanation on the envelope) are now available at the rectory or in the sacristy for a donation of \$1 per envelope. These wafers are blessed; they are to be broken and shared with greetings at the supper on Christmas Eve or when the whole family is together for a shared meal at their common table. Families and couples are invited to share in this rich Polish tradition.

News From Faith Bible Church

On behalf of the members of Faith Bible Church. we wish all a very safe and joyful Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

Our teens will be having a babysitting day at the church where they will watch children and wrap gifts for a donation (bring your own gift wrap) on Saturday, December 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On December 31st, we will hold our Annual New Year's Eve Fest at the church. Food, fellowship, prayer, music, games, etc., will be going on all evening.

We will welcome the New Year in with much fun. All are invited as a safe alternative.

The teens will be delivering gifts to children and teens at Baystate Medical Center on December 28th.

The kids have earned money to purchase gifts to put under the Giving Tree, and will deliver to those who will celebrate the holidays without being at home.

News From Crossroads Christian Fellowship

Crossroads is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship leader Michael Caba and Pastor Gary Reiff, teaching.

Christmas Caroling - Dec. 23rd: Come out on Saturday, December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. to go Christmas caroling. Please bring a plate of cookies to share with a neighborhood family, and one to share with the church family (for a fellowship time after car-

ALL ARE WELCOME! COME OUT FOR THE FUN.

New Year's Eve Celebration: This celebration is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 31st, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a main dish and drink to share with everyone (dessert will be provided).

We will have a meal and fellowship time, with games and prizes for the kids. This will be followed by a time of worship and intercession for the upcoming year. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Intercessory Prayer: Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m.; Monday morning, 10:30 a.m.

Worship practice takes place on Wednesdays at

Home Groups: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Jeremy & Christina Lockwood - Springfield; Mike & MaryAnn Caba - Westfield).

For further information, please call the church office at 821-0937. The fax number is 821-7941.



Activities At St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.-Wed.: 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Thurs.: 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Fri. & Sat.: 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony; Sat.: 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa; Sun.: 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony; Holy Day: 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Rosary: One half-hour before daily Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri., Dec. 22nd: 4:30 p.m., Rehearsal at St. Theresa's for children in the Christmas Eve pageant; 5:30 p.m., Parishioners to decorate St. Theresa's Church.

Sat., Dec. 23rd: 10:00 a.m., Parishioners to decorate at St. Anthony's Church; 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Sun., Dec. 24th: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. No CCD; 5:00 p.m., Christmas Eve - Vigil of Christmas. Special Children's Mass and Pageant; 12:00 midnight, Mass at St. Theresa's.

Mon., Dec. 25th: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 10:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Sat., Dec. 30th: 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Sun., Dec. 31st: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Mon., Jan. 1st: 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT AT ST. ANTHONY/ST. THERESA PARISHES

"A Prayer-a-Day" suggestions for the second week of Advent:

Fri., Dec. 22nd: Discover the other- Jesus, help us to love Judaism, to respect all of the faiths where people seek your presence.

Sat., Dec. 23rd: Be excessive- Show us your generosity, Lord, and help us to imitate it.

"A Prayer-a-Day" suggestions will continue as we "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Sun. Dec. 24th: Rejoice!- Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Shine on us!

Merry Christmas from Father William Rousseau and the parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Churches.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve: Regular Sunday Schedule - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 24th, Christmas Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Special Children's Mass and pageant at St. Anthony's; 12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 25th, Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 10:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve: Regular Sunday Schedule - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Jan. 1st, New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Fourth Sunday of Advent Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the lighting of our Advent candles.

The Lector will be Sue Boisvert. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman.

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

You are invited to join us for some neighborhood Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, we will return to the church for some warm refreshments.

Members and friends are invited to celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve. Beginning at 11:00 p.m., there will be a special candlelight service. All are welcome.

Our collection for Church World Service Gift of the Heart Kits continues until the end of the month. The Outreach Committee has been sponsoring a collection of completed Health, Clean-up, Baby, and School Kits, and has left a list of the contents of each kit (along with a collection box) in Griswold Hall.

Our church has been a generous provider of kits in the past; we hope the generosity will continue!

We will be taking a special collection for the Christmas Fund on December 24th and again on December 31st. This fund provides financial assistance to low-income retired clergy families and widowed spouses.

On the calendar:

Sat., Dec. 23rd: 5:30 p.m., Caroling.

Sun., Dec. 24th: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise/Christmas Fund; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption; 11:00 p.m., Candlelight Service of Worship and Celebration.

Mon., Dec. 25th: Happy Christmas to all!

Tues., Dec. 26th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship Committee.

Wed., Dec. 27th: 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thurs., Dec. 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

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News & Notes From Ag. Congregational

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There will be no Church School. The Christmas Pageant will be at 5:30 p.m., with our candle-lighting service at 11:00 p.m.

During the morning worship, child care is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, with guest organist Helen Wyzga, will be singing "Winds through the Olive Trees" by Arr. Irene Rodgers, and "Dona Nobis Pacem."

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

On Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day), our office will be closed. May you all have a Merry Christmas (from the staff in the office - Dorothy, Merilyn, Eleanor, and Christine).

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

This is a great time for men to come together and be strengthened. All are welcome.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no Mid-Week Service this coming week.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday; call 786-7111.

Bethany Church Offers Clothing To The Needy

Bethany Assembly of God, located at Route 57 and Main Street, invites individuals and families who are in need of clothing to visit the church on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Carole and Ron DeMatteo, who manage the free service of community outreach, said the small but busy facility also offers other donated items such as bedding, shoes, toys, and games.

The DeMatteos also said clean clothes of all styles and sizes may be brought to the church during regular hours.

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Spotlight on Business

Karen's Cafe Express **Serves Great-Tasting** Coffee & Pastries

by Kathy Shepard Feature Editor

The recently-opened Karen's Cafe Express at 299 Springfield Street in Agawam (a few doors down from Dominoes) features top-of the-line Baronet Coffee as well as an array of appetizing pastries and sweets in a cheerful, expansive meeting place with free parking and a convenient location.

This could become a real favorite meeting place for friends or business associates.

Owner Karen Melloni ran Lochmann's Bakery and Luncheonnette about 14 years ago in this O'Brien's Corner mini-mall (where the shoe outlet now stands).

Lochmann's remained there for a few years and then moved to Community Shops in Feeding Hills, before Stop and Shop was built. The bakery remained open for 3 or 4 years (until 1988).

Karen opened Karen's Cafe Express officially on November 20th at the O'Brien's Corner location, which is now called "Top Shops," at the corner of Rowley and Springfield Streets.

"We will be doing light lunches in the future but right now we are focusing around coffee. We are constantly adding new flavors. The hottest favor now is Butter Rum. I can't seem to keep it in stock," Karen noted.

That flavor, she explained, only comes out for the Christmas season so she will have to wait until next year but will order more for next year's holidays.

Karen's Cafe Express, in addition to coffee, carries soda, bottled water, a variety of breads and rolls (which they purchase from Venetian Bakery on Baldwin Street in West Springfield) and pastries.

"We carry star bread, round breads, wheat, rye, cinnammon bread, and dinner and finger rolls. They are very fresh," noted Karen.

Pastries come from Koffee Kup on Libery Street in Springfield and include fresh donuts and danish brought in fresh daily.

"Our big selling items are squares, such as fig, raspberry, or apple. They are very popular," Karen told

Another tempting bakery item at Karen's Cafe Express is the Bismarck. This is similar to a jelly donut except that it also has real whipped cream with the flavored jelly.





KAREN MELLONI OF FEEDING HILLS HAS OPENED "Karen's Cafe Express" at 299 Springfield Street, Agawam (a few doors down from Domino's Pizza) at O'Brien's Corner. Karen (in right photo with her daughter, Amanda Melloni) offers a wide variety of gourmet coffees and appetizing pastries. "Karen's Care Express" is open weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop in and say hello to Karen. She would just love to serve you one of her delicious cups of coffee with a pastry. Advertiser News photos by Kathy

Karen's Cafe Express also carries Cappuccino with a French Vanilla flavor.

A great gift idea which is on display in Karen's Cafe Express is the already-wrapped coffee mug for \$9.99. This includes the mug, a coffee packet for a full pot, teas, hot chocolate, a chocolate-covered spoon,

The hours Karen's Cafe Express operate are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Karen's Cafe Express is closed on Sundays.

"If you are sick and tired of waiting at other places and if you want a quick cup of coffee to go, most of my business is take-out," said Karen.

Customers who are not in a hurry find Karen's Cafe Express to be a nice little meeting spot. With a high ceiling, mirrored walls, and enough light, there is plenty of space and comfort.

Kalise Anthony, who works at Karen's Cafe Express, told us, "People have come in and said that our coffee is better than they get from other coffee places. They can taste the flavor.'

Karen added, "We have a flavor of the day (which was Amaretto on the day we visited).

Other flavors of the day are Kahlua Cream, Hazel Nut Cream, French Vanilla, and Butter Rum. The last one is so good that one customer drove eight miles out of his way just to get a cup of it here.

Until Christmas, there will also be eggnog flavor.

"Our business is growing. Each day we see three or four more new faces as well as many old friends. We will be looking forward to welcoming more new people and we hope to stay here for a long time," added

United Cooperative Participates In "Foster The Spirit"

United Cooperative Bank, for the eighth year, has participated in the "Foster The Spirit" campaign, filling gift wishes for children.

The holiday giving program for children with the Holyoke/Springfield Departments of Social Service ran in all 10 United Coopeative Bank branches and ended on December 20th.

orated with colored tags. The tags contained the age and gift wish of a child. United Cooperative customers and employees took the tags off the trees, purchased the appropriate gifts, and brought them back to the bank in time for Christmas. Social workers will give the gifts to the parents/guardians to ensure surprises for the children on Christmas morning.

"Over 2,200 gifts were donated to the Holyoke and Holiday trees in the bank branch offices were dec- Springfield Departments of Social Services through

the generosity of customers and employees in last year's 'Foster the Spirit' campaign," reported Community Relations Officer Sally Fuller. "We had customers requesting gift tags even before the trees were decorated and many of our customers have been participating year after year."

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Laws Differ From State-To-State

Question: My co-worker, who lives in another state, told me when he obtained a divorce, his lawyer said his case was easy because all the marital property was required to be equally divided between him and his wife. My co-worker claims that this is also the law in Massachusetts, that I will received 50 percent



Motor Vehicle Negligence High-Speed Collison - Vehicle Roll-Over

The plaintiff, a 30-year-old consultant, was traveling north on a local interstate. The defendant's motor vehicle, traveling in the same direction, lost its rear axle, allegedly causing the defendant to lose control of his vehicle, which struck the plaintiff's vehicle at high speed. The impact caused the plaintiff's vehicle to roll over several times before coming to rest in the left lane.

of all our marital property so it doesn't matter who I

hire for an attorney, or what the particular facts of my case are. Is that true?

Answer: Each state has its own laws governing the citizens within the jurisdiction of that state. The laws (statutes) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts only apply to courts within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The laws governing the people within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which were enacted by the Massachusetts Legislature, are compiled within a document called the Massachusetts General Laws. The Chapter governing divorce is Chapter 208, which is further divided into sections.

Section 34 of Chapter 208 is entitled "Alimony or assignment of estate; determination of amount; health insurance." Section 34 sets forth the following factors which the court SHALL consider in "fixing the nature

As a result of the incident, the plaintiff sustained multiple trauma, including a left clavicular fracture. In addition, the plaintiff sustained an abrasion to his left cheek and left elbow and a distal tip abrasion with flap avulasion to his right fourth finger.

Over the months that followed, the plaintiff continued to experience marked weakness in his left arm, and was ultimately diagnosed as suffereing traumatically induced left axillary nerve palsy with resolving paralysis of the deltoid musculature.

The plaintiff's total incident-related medical bills were approximately \$16,000.

The case settled for \$170,000.00

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at Feeding Street, Springfield Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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and value of property, if any, to be so assigned" and "the length of the marriage, the conduct of the parties during the marriage, the age, health, station, occupation, amount, and sources of income, vocational skills, employability, estate, liabilities, and needs of each of the parties and the opportunity of each for future acquisition, preservation, or appreciation in value of their respective estates and the contribution of each of the parties as a homemaker to the family unit."

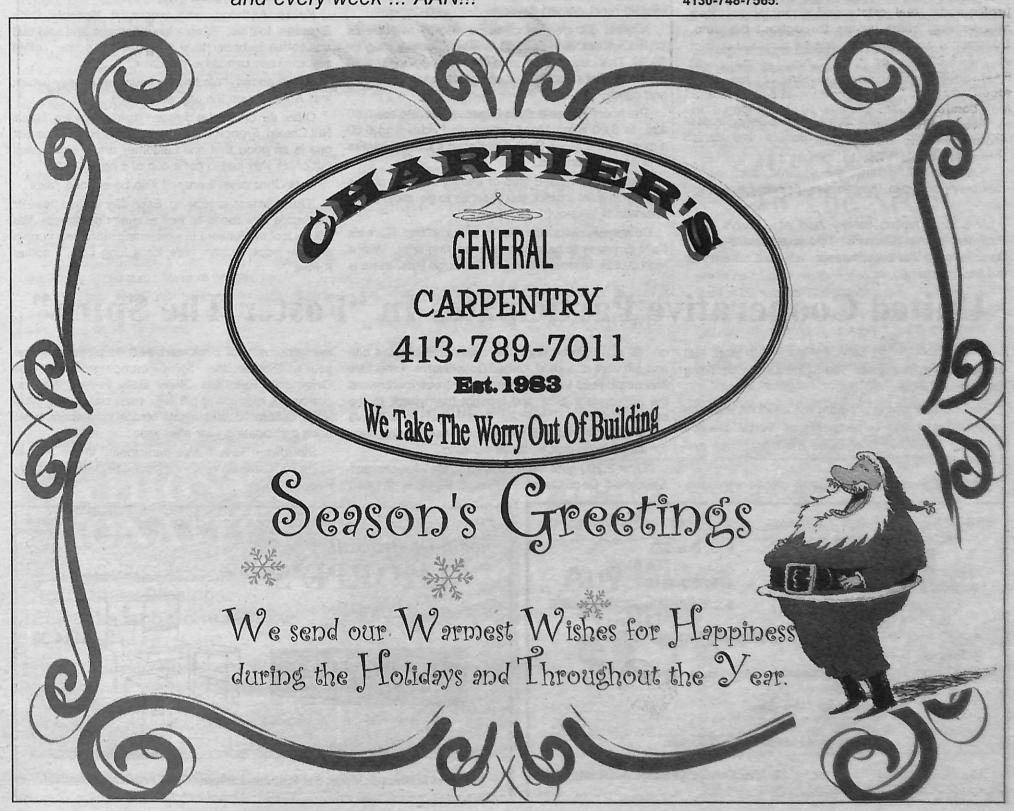
Thus, your co-worker is wrong. There is no statute that says property is equally divided between the husband and wife in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The judges of the Massachusetts Probate Court are required to "assign to either husband or wife all or any part of the estate of the other" as per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 208, Section 34.



10 Things Not To Do When Buying A Home

- 1. DON'T ask friends and relatives for advice.
- 2. DON'T switch careers.
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- 5. DON'T use credit cards.
- 6. DON'T toss records and receipts.
- 7. DON'T buy that new car.
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The protection does not guard against seizure due to overdue tax payments, debt accrued before application for homestead protection, late mortgage payments, or court-ordered child support or alimony.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him or via his e-mail 846-0961 RaymondRose@aol.com. Listen to his prerecorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923 and feel comfortable to contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter...it's filled with informative and money-saving info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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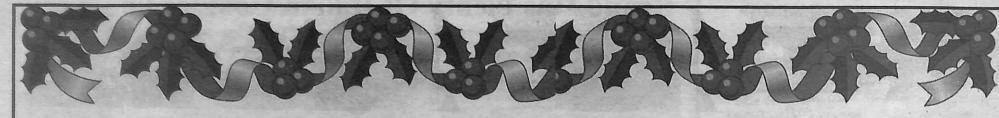
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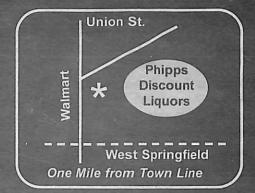
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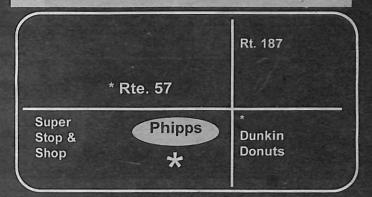
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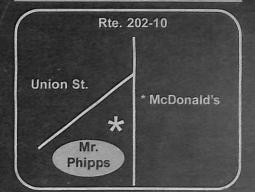
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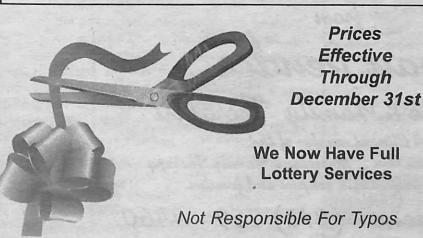


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AT THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS SEAL BALL held recently at The Oaks on Suffield Street, several of the Lung Association officials who attended included (from left) Edward Sunter, president, American Lung Association; Leila Mudawar, event chairwoman; and Jeffrey Seyler, executive director of the American Lung Association, Western Mass. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FROM SOUTHWICK, Joe and Ann Ottalagana were pleased to attend the Annual Christmas Seal Ball at The Oaks in Agawam. The Christmas Seal Ball is an opportunity for the American Lung Association to celebrate its work in the community and to raise needed funds for lung disease education and research. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Amer. Lung Assoc. Holds Annual Christmas Ball

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts held its 10th Annual Christmas Seal Ball on Saturday, December 2nd at The Oaks in Agawam.

The Christmas Seal Ball is an opportunity for the American Lung Association to celebrate its work in the community and to raise needed funds for lung disease education and research.

This dinner dance event featured the band "Passport," a silent auction with over 75 items, and other festivities. Brenda Garton and Barry Kriger of 22News served as emcees for the event.

The American Lung Association has been fighting lung disease in all forms since 1904. In Western Massachusetts, the Association conducts asthma camp, Better Breathers Support Groups for people with lung disease, athletic activities for children with asthma, asthma education programs, a pollen and air quality alert program, and other initiatives.

Nationally and regionally, the American Lung Association is conducting research on asthma, emphysema, lung cancer, tuberculosis, and other breathing disorders. Funds raised through the Christmas Seal Ball and the Christmas Seal campaign help support these lifesaving programs.



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Time: a Christmas poem

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TIME: A Christmas poem for the season

Time tastes like my sweet, chewy, homemade gingerbread cookies and my grandma's thick, creamy eggnog

Time smells like my mom's freshly baked, warm apple pie and her thick, mashmallowy hot chocolate.

Time sounds like the joyous Christmas chorales I hear through my window and bits of laughter from the families playing in the white snow.

Time looks like fresh powder falling from the

It's my 12 foot Christmas tree with a lifetime of lights and ornaments.

Time feels like the excitement of a neighborhood snowball fight and the rush I get from looking at the tree Christmas morning.

Time is a precious diamond. Both time and a diamond are extremely valuable, but in their own way. A diamond is very expensive, where as, time has no price and should be valued by

Kevin Pender, Agawam, age 14

Please e-mail or write me with one of your holiday stories that you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise.

Dan Pender, MA,MFT is a Marriage & Family Therapist with a local private practice. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy and can be reached by e-mail at dpmft449@aol.com or PO Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413)789-4460.

Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families and friends, or persons who have lost a loved one to cancer, are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

The group offers information on topics of interest to people with cancer, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

A break-out group, designed specifically for those who have lost a loved one to cancer, meets on the first Monday of the month. A break-out group for caregivers, meets on the second Monday of the month. Private sessions are also available for young people who have a parent with cancer.

Please call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453, for more information.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS's member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services," nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems.

Chiropractic Care



by Dr. Tami Nelson Chiropractic Physician **Hampden County** Chiropractic 850 Springfield St. Feeding Hills 786-4820

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Here Comes The Snow!

It's that time of year again; time to pull out the gloves, boots, and shovels. This is often the time I see many patients coming in with acute low back pain.

Why? Because they think they can jump outside and shovel wet, heavy snow for hours without a problem (does this sound familiar?). Sooo, let's start out right this winter.

- 1. Stretch. I know, I know, I'm always harping about this, but it is important to loosen the muscles before actively using them.
- 2. Keep your back straight. Your back is the strongest in this position. Remember to keep your spine straight and try not to twist. Most injuries occur during the twisting and bending motion.
- 3. Utilize your leg muscles. They're very strong. Keep a slight bend in the knees and in the hips.
- 4. If you are sore after shoveling, apply ice to the low back for 10-15 minutes each hour. Ice decreases

If pain lasts longer than 24 hours, if very painful, or if any radiation into the legs, contact a chiropractor!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. 786-4820.

A REMINDER TO OUR READERS: We do not publish between Christmas and New Year's. The next edition of The Agawam Advertiser News will be on Thursday, January 4, 2001; the deadline will be Tues., Jan. 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

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Mom's Secret Recipe - Beef Stew

Courtesy of the Canned Food Alliance

This hearty, old-time favorite gets much of its rich flavor from the canned Italian-seasoned stewed tomatoes and beef broth. Enjoy it on a chilly evening or during Sunday dinner for a healthy and wholesome meal.

Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds beef for stew, cut to make 1-inch pieces, if necessary

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 can (28 ounces) Italian-style stewed tomatoes, undrained

1 can (14-1/2 ounces) beef broth

1 medium onion, coarsely chopped

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces

2 cups baby carrots or 2 cups sliced carrots, 1-inch thick

Tip: For added convenience, canned potatoes and carrots may be substituted for fresh. Prepare recipe as directed, adding 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) whole new potatoes and 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) carrots during last 10 minutes of simmering.

Preparation:

In medium bowl, toss beef with flour to coat. In heavy large saucepan or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef; cook 5 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Add tomatoes, broth, onion, pepper, and thyme; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 45 minutes or until beef is almost tender. Add potatoes and carrots; return to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 45 minutes or until beef and vegetables are tender.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 2 hours

Servings: 8

Nutritional Information Per Serving: 262 calories; 9 g fat; 51 mg cholesterol; 562 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 22 g protein.

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From Baystate Medical Center...

Holiday Drinking & Driving Don't Mix

"Many persons who don't drink alcohol will find themselves taking a drink while partying during the holidays," said Phil Day, program manager of Clinical Services at Carlson Recovery Center, part of Alcoholism and Drug Services of Baystate Medical Center.

Day said that in order to keep your holidays safe while at a party, you should not drink more than one alcoholic beverage an hour, and should not drink at all if you are driving.

He reminded party-goers that being "sociable" doesn't mean you have to drink alcohol.

"There are plenty of alternatives to alcohol. Order a non-alcoholic beer or non-alcoholic sparkling champagne, a cola with a twist of lime, or even a healthy cranberry juice with a twist of lime," he said.

If you do choose to drink while at a party, make sure you eat something beforehand, Day warned.

"Alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream at a much higher rate when you have an empty stomach," he added.

Day noted that persons who are on medication should read the directions carefully since mixing alcohol with some drugs can have an undesirable effect. Also, if you are going out to a party with several friends, Day suggested choosing a designated driver who will drink only soft beverages or juices.

"In addition to the serious harm you could cause some innocent person and yourself, if you are convicted of driving under the influence, you will likely spend between \$2,000 to \$5,000 in fines and insurance costs," Day said.

Day offers the following tips to persons hosting holiday parties:

* serve as a bartender and do not leave open bottles around for people to help themselves

* have plenty of snacks and food available

* make non-alcoholic drinks available and encourage their use

* stop serving alcohol at least one hour before your party ends; and serve coffee, tea, or other light snacks before your guests leave

* don't let someone drive home who has had too much to drink.

"Remember, as party host, you can be held responsible for the actions of one of your guests who might have had too much to drink," said Day.

National Alliance For Mentally III Starting Peer Education Project

Psychiatric disability has a devastating impact on the lives of people who experience it. It is devastating because people with psychiatric disability are left profoundly disconnected from themselves, from others, from their environments, and from meaning or purpose in life.

Recovery is a common human experience. Recovery is the process of adjusting one's attitudes, feelings, perceptions, beliefs, roles, and goals in life. At the Peer Educational Group, using the Recovery Workbook, persons with a mental illness will meet together regularly to share with each other ideas and

strategies for everyday living and coping.

The group will be led by persons who themselves are finding ways of living fulfilling lives despite their illness. (Taken from the Recovery Workbook, LeRoy Spaniol, Martin Koehler, Dori Hutchinson.)

The National Alliance for the Mentally III of Western Massachusetts will be meeting January 4, 2001 and every Thursday thereafter, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. for individuals 17 years-old and up at Holyoke Hospital.

For more information and details, call NAMI-WM at 1-413-786-9139 or 1-800-295-2121. All meetings are free of charge.

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Herniated Discs...

Question: I was told I may have a herniated disc. What is this and can chiropractic help me?

WHAT ARE HERNIATED DISCS?

The 24 vertebrae of your spine are separated from one another by pads of cartilage called discs. These discs have a fairly tough outer layer with a soft interior to cushion against the shocks and strains experienced as you move and put various stresses on your

The discs are subject to injury, disease, and degeneration with use over time.

Certain activities and types of work increase the risk of discs being damaged or deteriorating. When the soft interior material of a disc pushes out through a tear or weakening in the outer covering, the disc is said to be herniated.

Herniated discs are also called protruding, bulging, ruptured, prolapsed, slipped, or degenerated discs. There are fine distinctions between these terms, but all really refer to a disc that is no longer in its normal condition and/or position. Herniated discs cause pain by impinging on (intruding upon, irritating, and pinching) and even injuring nerves in the spinal column.

Most disc herniation takes place in the lower back (lumbar spine). The second most common site of herniation is the neck (cervical spine). A herniated lumbar disc may send pain shooting down through your buttock and thigh into the back of your leg (sciatica). Cervical disc herniation may cause pain in the shoulder, arm, and hand.

Herniated discs can cause muscle weakness, make it hard to get up when you've been sitting or lying down, and cause pain when you strain to do something (even when you cough or sneeze).

They sometimes produce pain in the lower right side of the abdomen. Herniated discs may also affect nerves to the bladder and bowel, causing incontinence. This symptom signals the need for immediate, emergency attention.

WHAT CAN CHIROPRACTIC DO?

There is broad acceptance among health care pro-

fessionals and the public of the recommendation that the pain from herniated discs be initially treated conservatively.

That is, as long as there are no signs (such as severe pain, numbness, or functional impairment from nerve involvement) of the need for more invasive treatment, two or three months of chiropractic care may be the best choice before considering spinal surgery or shots of analgesics (painkillers) in your back. And, only a minority of disc herniations turn out to require treatment as traumatic and costly as hospitalization and surgery, or with as many side effects (especially for older people) as opioid analgesics and muscle relaxants.

At the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, we will examine and question you carefully, take a complete history, and conduct appropriate diagnostic tests. Chiropractic provides the special training, techniques, and experience needed to safely and effectively adjust your spine so that the stress on the discs is minimized, the pain relieved, the damaged or displaced structures given a chance to heal, and your ability to return to normal.

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Smoking Cessation Group At Mercy

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, education and motivational support. Free nicotine patches and gum may also be available for qualified participants.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

Alzheimer's Support Group Available At The Atrium In Agawam

The Atrium, located at 153 Cardinal Drive, p.m. A light supper is included. Agawam, offers free monthly support groups for individuals caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a similar memory disorder.

On the first Tuesday of every month, The Atrium is the site for a support group meeting starting at 6:00 Judy Pothul at The Atrium, 821-9911.

On the third Wednesday of every month, an afternoon support group is held at the Chicopee Senior Center, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

If you would like further information, please contact

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Merry Christmas!





THE GREAT PRETENDERS THEATER COMPANY founders Jerry and Cil Millette are welcomed to Agawam by Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Advertiser News Photo by Kathy Shepard.

Great Pretenders Theater Company To Debut In Agawam This Spring

by Hope E. Murray Municipal Writer

There will be a murder in Agawam this coming spring. And you're all invited to watch.

Yes, it's pre-meditated (how else could they book the hall?) and the victim knows all about it (could they sell any tickets otherwise?) but the best part is that it will be the first of many more events like it in Agawam.

In case you haven't figured out the mystery, it's "Murder Takes The Stage," a production of The Great Pretenders Theater Company. The murder mystery is the first play of the group's 2001 season of shows at Bodurtha Hall in Agawam First Baptist Church.

Directed by Gini Andrewes, the cast includes Agawam residents Ken Berry, Jane Bixby, Paul MacDonald, Alison Moran and former town residents Laura Lezon and Mark Mickey.

The Great Pretenders is calling Agawam home for the first time this upcoming season. It was formerly at home in Longmeadow, but two of the founders, Jerry and Cil Millette, are Agawam residents who wanted to bring the community theater to their hometown.

The Millettes love theater - and that's where they found love. Nearly seven years ago, the couple met while working on a play for the former Agawam Repertory Theater group. Cil said they'd seen each other around before met never had the opportunity to meet. Once they did, it was, well, just like a romantic play.

"We connected right off the bat," Jerry said. "We just knew."

"We just had so much in common, we were an instant match," Cil added.

Jerry has been involved in various productions since his college days when he studied music. A member of The Three Baritones, he remains a singer first and foremost. Cil's been in theater about a dozen years. Now both retired, the Millettes spend pretty much all their free time working on productions. Even when they're in Florida for the winter, they're involved in plays down South.

"We spend three months in Sarasota - the theater district," Cil said, laughing.

The couple said it's the audience that keeps them coming back for more.

"For me, it's seeing the enjoyment of the audience," said Cil. "I'm always backstage peeking out because I love to see their faces. And, it's a challenge to take on another character."

"I like the feedback from the audience," said Jerry. "I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment, and just enter-

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taining people."

The group performs shows for families and gears some plays towards children. Those are Cil's favorite.

"Doing children's shows is the most fulfilling experience. One of my first memories is of being a kid and seeing a variety show at a school."

"We're exposing some of these children to theater for the first time," added Jerry.

The Millettes wear many hats. They both act and Jerry's the artistic director while Cil acts as director of advertising. "Murder Takes The Stage" features 13 characters and the Millette's said so many great people came to try-out that the decided stay behind the stage this time to make room for new talent.

The Great Pretenders' spring production will be May 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th. The fall show, a revue, is scheduled for Oct. 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th.

The Great Pretenders are offering special priority seating to those who purchase season tickets and season tickets can be purchased without specifying which dates the tickets will be used.

Another way the group differentiates from other companies is that its shows start earlier - at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 821-9932.

Ag. Cultural Council's Program Listings For "First Friday" Series

* February 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

THE MOUNT TOM RANGE: Robert Schobe, historian and lecturer, will provide a historical tour of people, places, and things with pictures.

* March 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

MICHAEL WHITE, AUTHOR: Novelist and short story writer.

* April 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

DUSTI DEFRESNE, VOCALIST: Oldies, rock and roll, and country songs.

* May 4th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

IN CONCERT - OLD POST ROAD ORCHESTRA: Musical selections from both classical and popular traditions.

Member of the Agawam Cultural Council: Barbara Cohen, Thelma Coughlin, Darcy Davis, Sylvia Deliso, Edward Filkoski, Michael Grandfield, Virginia Heyl, Donna Kennedy, Ritchie Mitnick, Howard Safford, Florida Tangocci, and Carlo Zingarelli.

Ag. Community Artists To Present Oil Demonstration

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Jack Braudis, a resident of Hatfield, Mass. and a member of the Academic Artists, who will do an oil demonstration

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield St.

Meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, are open to the public.

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Christmas Classics (Part II)...

Here is the conclusion to my two-part feature on holiday-themed films. These classics are sure to bring the Christmas spirit to your living room.

* "It's A Wonderful Life": 1947. Not rated.

Here is a timeless holiday classic that presents an intriguing story that has been reincarnated innumerable times in many other movies and television shows over the years.

Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed star in this Frank Capra-directed feature that explores the importance of life. Stewart plays George Bailey, a man who dreams of travel and is in search of adventure. Circumstances beyond his control, however, trap him in his hometown of Bedford Falls.

Bailey, when also faced with an impending scandal, consequently becomes frustated with his life and plans to commit suicide on Christmas Eve. Then an angel, played perfectly by Henry Travers, arrives to take Bailey on a trip he could never have dreamed of. The duo then traverse through life, observing what the world would have been like had Bailey never been

Aside from the obvious intrigue of the storyline, this film also works so well because of Stewart's convinc-

During this time of the year, many people are either very happy or depressed. It is a film such as this that can truly create holiday magic by making even the most negative of persons reflect positively on life. 5 STARS.

* "Miracle On 34th Street": 1947. Not rated.

Director George Seaton won an Oscar for this film about a timid old man who, upon being hired as a store Santa Claus, claims to actually be the real thing. When he is written off as insane, a young attorney decides to help the man prove in court that he is truly

Edmund Gwenn delivers his Oscar-winning performance as Kris Kringle alongside Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Gene Lockhart, and Natalie Wood. Valentine Davies won an Oscar as well for writing credits.

The film captures that childhood magic that the holidays always remind us of. The story is so moving that it proves to be one of the earliest examples of the true

Open Auditions Slated For Great Pretenders Revue At Senior Ctr.

The Great Pretenders plan to hold open auditions for The Great Pretenders Revue on Thursday, December 28th and Friday, December 29th from 7:900-9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The show will include improv and scripted comedy directed by Steve Henderson, songs, and novelty numbers directed by Frank Jackson. The show will be produced in Agawam on October 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2001. Individual and group acts are also encouraged to attend the auditions.

For more information, call the Great Pretenders HOT-LINE at 821-9932. If you have ever considered the idea of belonging to a community theater group and participating behind the scenes, you are encouraged to attend a general meeting of the Great Pretenders at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30th.

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power of cinema.

Let it be known, however, that this reviewer is recommending the original black-and-white, 1947 original film and not the later colorized version OR any of the remakes. I specifically recommend the DVD version of the film for picture clarity.

Whether on VHS or DVD, however, the original 1947 classic will bring a little joy to your holiday season that is sure to endure for many more years to come! 5 STARS.

* "A Christmas Story": 1983. Rated PG.

Here is a contemporary holiday charmer. Peter Billingsley stars as Ralphie, a young boy who yearns for a Daisy beebee rifle for Christmas. He quickly becomes obsessed with getting the gun in spite of his mother's constant reminder that he'll shoot his eye out

This picture was based, in part, on humorist Jean Shepherd's childhood memoirs about Christmas in the 1940's as they appeared in his humorous book In God We Trust ... All Others Pay Cash! (Isn't it ironic that this film takes place during the same era from which the aforementioned two films were produced?)

Shepherd narrates the tale in the first person as an adult, while Billingsley plays him as a lad. Shepherd also appears unbilled as a department store customer in the film. There is also plenty of wry humor in the film, and it is sure to be a thrill for kids as well as adults. Veteran character actor Darren McGavin also delivers a memorable performance as Ralphie's abrasive father.

"A Christmas Story," in spite of its holiday flavor, is probably the most overlooked of holiday films. For this reason most of all, I recommend it. You will want to make it an annual point to watch this whimsical tale. 4 STARS.

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS Extraordinary; 4 STARS - Excellent; 3 STARS -Good; 2 STARS - Average; 1 STAR - Watchable; 0 STARS - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Tuesday Morning Music Club To **Present Concert**

Ruth Alexander, soprano, Christine Chen, pianist, and Marc Winer, tenor, will appear as soloists in the January 16th recital of the Tuesday Morning Music Club at the Griswold Auditorium of American International College.

Ms. Alexander has performed in numerous opera, oratorio, and church and concert productions in the local area. She will highlight her program performing Mahler's "Songs of a Wayfarer."

Christine Chen, a graduate of Hwa-Nang University in Canton, China, is studying music composition at Westfield State College. In addition to Schumann's "Theme and Variations," Ms. Chen will play "Shi Jeng Shiau Gu," a famous composition in China, which depicts Chinese instruments and themes of nature.

Marc Winer, tenor, is also an organ builder. He has been a soloist with many choral groups, including Arcadia Players, and directs the Youth Choir at the First Congregational Church of Westfield. His program will feature Dvorak's "Biblical Songs" and Mendelssohn's "If Within Your Heart" from the "Elijah."

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by a coffee hour. Non-members may purchase tickets at the door for \$7. For further information, call (413) 786-8609.

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"The Food Dude"



by John Walters

Squash

This week's column features squash in general, and in particular, pies for the holidays. I am partial to pumpkin pie. The spicy, custard kind of pumpkin pie, all covered with a blanket of real whipped cream - one of life's real pleasures.

Squash pies can have the same appeal. You should use blue Hubbard for the best squash pie.

When making these pies, remember, the more intense the flavor, the better the pie. Boiling foods just does not intensify the flavor, so try baking the squash or pumpkin that you will be cooking with. Preheat your oven at 350 degrees. Place the pumpkin or squash in a baking dish that has shallow sides; the juices will be

all over the place if you don't contain them.

The skin now comes off very easily. The seeds come right out and you have the perfect product for pie. Measure your pumpkin the same as the recipe calls for and make your pies.

I like to use fresh eggs and cream in my pies to make them into flavored custard. Canned products work o.k., but this way is best.

Now, how about baking squash as a vegetable? Acorn squash cut in half, de-seeded, and baked is a great fall item. In the hollowed out squash, add your spice, a tablespoon or two of butter, and some maple syrup. Bake in the oven. It is delectable!

Very small pumpkins can be hollowed out and used as soup turins. Make savory pumpkin soup. Use a chicken or vegetable stock if you want to go meatless.

I use the chicken stock, all the aromatic vegetables, and sweet Italian sausage in mine. The potatoes, pumpkin chunks, and herbs come together in a splendid way.

Try making pumpkin quenelles, little pumpkin dumplings that can be a side dish or the main entree.

Combine seasoned pumpkins, all-purpose flour, eggs, and cream to make a light dough. Simmer in chicken stock and serve with a light cream sauce, marinara, or as dumplings in soup.

So, there you have it, some pumpkin and squash ideas. Bon appetite!

Visit my website, <u>www.foodduderadio.com</u> for recipes and much more. Check out <u>www.springfield-southend.com</u> to visit Springfield's "Little Italy."

Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking, it's whom you're with. This is the Food Dude. Until next time



Grants Awarded By Agawam Cultural Council

The Agawam Cultural Council recently announced \$15,000 in grants in the area of arts and sciences. Over 30 applications were received with requests of over \$30,000 from area artists and artistic organizations.

According to council chairman Michael Grandfield, ""The committee had a very difficult time in awarding the grants as we received a large number of very legitimate requests. Based on the limits of our allocation, we were unable to satisfy very worthwhile programs and artists. We are very excited, however, about the grants we were able to provide."

Grants for the current year include the following:

- * \$2,400, **Springfield Symphony Orchestra:** An ensemble will make several trips to Agawam fourth-graders as an early introduction to classical music.
- * \$2,000, Agawam Historical Museum: To fund

showcases and ensure the safe presentation of historic materials.

- * \$2,400, **Agawam Middle School:** Funds will be utilized to fund a student field trip to a theatre performance at Symphony Hall.
- * \$800, Community Music School of Springfield: To provide scholarships for Agawam students attending the regional music school.
- * \$870, **The Great Pretenders:** To underwrite the performance of a variety show at the Agawam Senior Center.
- *\$480, Robinson Park School: To fund admission for students to attend two specific performances at Springfield Symphony Hall.
- * \$500, **Geraldine Barbeau**: To cover expenses for Ms. Barbeau's impersonation of Emily Dickinson for

presentations throughout the Agawam School System and for the Agawam Library.

- * \$450, **Ann Cascio:** To help cover printing and publishing costs of a new children's book.
- * \$750, **Musicorda:** To fund a performance at the Agawam Senior Center.
- * \$350, Old Post Road Orchestra: To fund an upcoming Agawam performance.
- *\$395, Robert Thomas: For his "Larry Blotter and His Poetry of Fire," a Harry Potter spoof, at the Agawam Library.

The Agawam Cultural Council is comprised of area volunteers. Funding is provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For additional information, including how to get involved, check out the group's web site at www.agawamcc.org.

Member Of Agawam Community Artists... Artwork Of Christina Nieves On Display

Esperanza, fine art by Christina Impoco Nieves, will be on display at The Gallery at Mount St. Vincent's, 35 Holy Family Rd., Holyoke from Dec. 11th through Feb. 11, 2001.

The display includes a collection of artwork which reflects a delicate sense of hope and inner movement. Originals and reproductions in charcoal, paste, and

watercolor illustrating themes of Judeo-Christian faith and elements found in the natural world will be on display.

Christina is a member of the Agawam Community Artists. A reception will be held December 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

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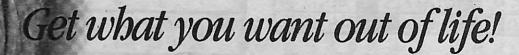




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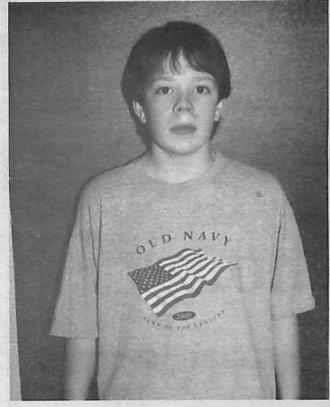
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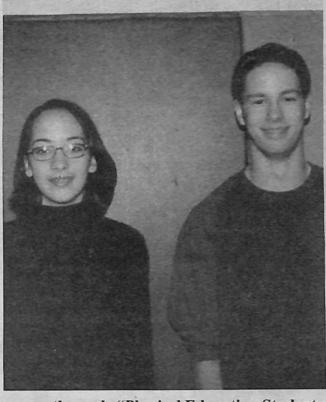
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Commended Students At Agawam Junior High School







In left photo: Chris Carty was recently named the seventh-grade "Physical Education Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. In center photo: Congratulations to eighth-grade "Physical Education Students of the Month" Vanessa Tencati and Andrew Wakelee. In right photo: For the month of November, Megan Sellers and Karyn Gottardi were selected as the "Art Students of the Month" at the Junior High. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Registration for the winter/spring semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on the evenings of Monday, January 8th, and Wednesday, January 10th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office (760 Cooper Street, Agawam).

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Wednesday, January 17th, and Monday, January 22nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, January 17th, and/or Monday, January 22nd, and will run for 10 weeks (ending on or about April 1st). Class time is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The tuition charge is \$80 per course and must be paid at the time of registration. Checks can be made to **Agawam Adult Education**. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration and/or change the day a course may be offered.

Those persons interested in working toward an Agawam evening school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

Monday classes: English 09-12; EXCEL; Algebra I; Power Point; General Science; SAT Prep (March 12th - April 30th).

Wednesday classes: General Math; Computer Concepts; Microsoft WORD I; Oil Painting; U.S. History; SAT Prep (March 14th - May 2nd).

For further information, contact Alan R. Cohen, the director of the Agawam Adult Education Program, at 821-0519 or 821-0527.

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Free Financial Aid Workshop At STCC

Congressman Richard E. Neal will sponsor the sixth annual workshop on planning for college financial aid on Thursday evening, January 4th.

High school students and their parents, as well as anyone considering taking college courses, are invited to attend this free workshop, which will be hosted by Springfield Technical Community College. Parents may learn about the financial aid process and alternative financing, hear what's new about federal financial aid, and pick up the new 2001-2002 financial aid application forms.

An information session, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., will be held in the theater of Scibelli Hall at STCC. Linda Dagradi, Director of Financial Aid at Springfield College, will speak on "what you need to know about applying for financial aid," followed by Scott Prince of the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority who will address "preparing to meet the cost of college."

Prior to and following these presentations, the public is invited to attend a financial aid open house at 5:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Scibelli Hall gymnasium. Financial aid officers from area colleges, as well as representatives of different financing sources, will be available to meet with families and answer questions.

Parking is free at the financial aid workshop, located on the STCC campus, off Federal Street. Campus police officers will direct cars to the theater and gym.

For further information, contact Congressman Neal's office at 785-0325.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Tues., Jan 2nd: Chicken pattie on a roll, chips, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, assorted pudding.

Wed., Jan 3rd: Beef taco boat, shredded cheese, mild salsa, seasoned corn, chilled fruit, assorted Jello w/topping (AHS), chocolate cake (Jr. High, Middle, & Elem.).

Thurs., Jan. 4th: Shaved ham/cheese bagel melt & potato rounds (AHS & Jr. High), Chef Boyardee dinosaur pasta w/sliced bread & butter (Middle & Elem.), seasoned green peas, chilled fruit, peach cobbler.

Fri., Jan. 5th: Hot dog on a roll, individual Lay chips, creamy cole slaw, chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Season Of Giving...

I was in one of the stores searching for an appropriate gift. A major sale was going on and people were shoving and pushing in order to grab what they wanted. The cash registers could not keep up with the throngs of customers madly waving items in their hands in order to be noticed and waited on. Clearly, the atmosphere was not a cheery one.

As I waited in line, I started to think about this season of giving. Exactly what does this season of giving mean? To begin with, I think some of us have lost sight of the real meaning of the word give. Does it have to mean something tangible? Should it be weighed according to how much the item costs?

I still remember one of the greatest gifts I received. They were green earrings in the shape of dinosaurs. Did I ever wear them? Of course I did and proudly at that. You see, my oldest son had purchased them all by himself. The caring and love that he put into selecting them were forever part of the earrings, so to me the earrings were very, very special. Did they cost a lot monetarily? I doubt it, yet to me, they were worth millions!

Someone once shared the following story with me. Everyone was seated around the Christmas tree busily opening his or her gifts. Smiles came to the faces of

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the children as they tore open their wrapped gifts and eagerly and happily eyed the contents. One small child watched with rapt attention as her mother ripped open the envelope that was marked in big letters written in crayon, MOM.

Out fell a cut-out paper red heart with the words "I Love You" written on it. Underneath was the child's name. A few of the letters were backwards, but it didn't matter. Through tear-filled eyes, the mother looked out at her youngest daughter, smiled and said, "Honey, this is beautiful; I will cherish it always." Again, it was something that did not cost very much, yet it was invaluable.

Some of the most cherished gifts I have received are cards designed by my children, pictures drawn by them, and stories written by them. They did not visit a store to purchase them; instead, they visited their hearts. Yes, gifts from the heart, those are the special ones. Those are the ones that leave their lasting marks on us, that burrow their way into our hearts and fill us with warmth.

Giving - special, meaningful giving - is best when given from the heart. A hug, a kiss, a warm greeting, a visit to the sick or elderly, a batch of cookies made with love ... these make such special gifts.

This holiday season, as you enjoy the tangible gifts, do take special note of the intangible ones and embrace them. The gift of family, the gift of love, the gift of caring, the gift of welcome, the gift of friendship ... all these gifts and more are truly what the season of giving is about. Cherish these gifts. They are priceless and give lasting meaning to our lives.

Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday and a happy New Year.

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Open House And Registration At Perry Lane Nursery

On Thursday, January 18th, Perry Lane Nursery School (108 Perry Lane) will conduct an open house and registration from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Perry Lane staff will be on hand to give tours, answer questions, and begin taking registrations for the 2001-2002 school year.

Children who are three years of age before October 1, 2001 are eligible for Perry Lane's two-day/week program on either Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Children who are four years of age before October 1, 2001 are eligible for our three-day/week program on either Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

The cost for the two-day/week program is \$80 per month tuition, plus \$4 per month snack fee. The cost for the three-day/week program is \$95 per month tuition, plus \$5 per month snack fee.

For further information, contact Perry Lane Nursery School at 789-1616.

Locals On Suffield Academy Honor Roll

The following Agawam students have been named to Suffield Academy's fall term honor roll:

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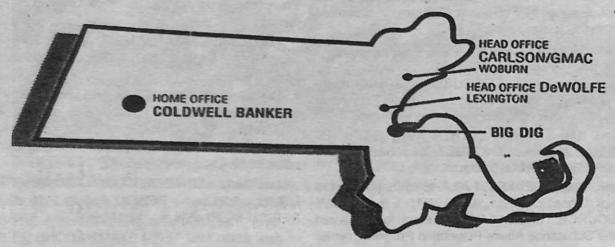
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Agawam High School's Calendar Of January Events

FUNDRAISERS FOR JANUARY:

- * Senior Class Supermarket Voucher Fundraiser.
- * 2001 Prom Committee Taffy Fundraiser (3 pkgs. for \$1.00).
- * Sophomore Class Half Time Shots at Basketball Games (\$1.00 per shot).

EVENTS TO BE HELD DURING THE MONTH (dates and times TBA):

- * Mock Trials in Practical Law Classes.
- * Practical Law Class Field Trips to the Hampden County Court and the Enfield Correctional Institution.

Jan. 2nd: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Senior Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE TUESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 3; MATH TEAM meeting, room 72, 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 2nd-17th: ALL SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCA-TION VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, gymnasium, all periods.

Jan. 3rd: WOMEN'S ISSUES WEDNESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 3; INTERGENERATIONAL POETRY GROUP meeting, room 38, 1:50 - 2:35 p.m.; PEER LEADER-SHIP WORKSHOP ON RESOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHIER 2001, room 44, 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 4th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Sophomore Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; ANGER MANAGEMENT GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 6.

Jan. 4th-5th: PEER LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION POSTER IN CAFETERIA FOR STUDENT BODY SIGNING.

Jan. 5th: FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 3.

Jan. 6th: EPIPHANY, the Feast of Kings - all foreign language classes.

Jan. 7th: VARSITY CHEERLEADERS PASTA

p.m. (\$5.00).

Jan. 8th: BAND PARENTS meeting, band room, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 9th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Senior Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE TUESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 4; MATH TEAM MEET AT LONGMEADOW, leaving AHS at 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 10th: WOMEN'S ISSUES WEDNESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 4; PEER LEADERSHIP ALCOHOL AWARE-NESS WORKSHOP, room 44, 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 11th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Sophomore Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; ANGER MANAGEMENT GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 7.

Jan. 11th-13th: MODEL CONGRESS competing in the AIC 61st Model Congress.

Jan. 12th: FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 4.

Jan. 15th: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL; ANNUAL BAND AUCTION at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 16th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Senior Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE TUESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 6; MATH CLUB meeting, room 72, 2:00 p.m. (ALL MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT).

Jan. 17th: WOMEN'S ISSUES WEDNESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 6; INTERGENERATIONAL POETRY GROUP meeting, room 38, 1:50 - 2:35 p.m.; SUPERINTEN-DENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE meeting, principal's conference room, 2:00 p.m.; PEER LEADERSHIP ALCOHOL AWARENESS WORK-

SUPPER at the Italian Sportsmen Club, 4:00 - 7:00 SHOP, room 44, 2:00 p.m.; JOINT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL meeting, Jr. High cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 18th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Sophomore Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; PHYS-ICAL EDUCATION VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF, gymnasium, 9:09 a.m.; ANGER MANAGEMENT GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 2; RENAISSANCE PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER; NO AHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEETING.

Jan. 19th: PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIRST SEMESTER VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, gymnasium, 10:01 a.m.; FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 6.

Jan. 22nd: EXAM EXEMPTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO RENAISSANCE GOLD/GOLD PLUS CARD HOLDERS.

Jan. 23rd: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Senior Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE TUESDAY GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, center office conference room, period 7.

Jan. 24th: MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS: PERIOD I, 7:25 - 9:05 a.m.; PERIOD II, 9:10 - 10:40 a.m.; PERIOD III, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Jan. 25th: MID-TERM EXAMINÁTIONS: PERIOD IV, 7:25 - 9:05 a.m.; PERIOD V, 9:10 - 10:40 a.m.; MAKE-UP EXAMS, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Jan. 26th: MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS: PERIOD VI, 7:25 - 9:05 a.m.; PERIOD VII, 9:10 - 10:40 a.m.; MAKE-UP EXAMS, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Jan. 28th: VARSITY CHEERLEADERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Polish American Club, 8:00 -11:30 a.m. (\$4.00).

Jan. 30th: BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the Senior Class, cafeteria, 6:50 - 7:15 a.m.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

Agawam High's **Guidance News**

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

Shannon Holbrook: Lasell College.

Steven Messina: Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Davida Flynn: Wentworth Institute of Technology. Vilayphong Senthep: Tulane University,

University of Pittsburgh. Greg Mantolesky: Western New England College.

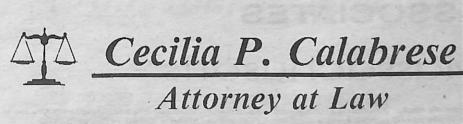
David Kowalewski: Siena College, University of Hartford.

MILITARY: Congratulations! - Brian Dettman: U.S. Marines; Joe Coniff: U.S. Marines.

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE MEMBERS of the 2000-2001 Agawam High School girls' varsity basketball team. Back row: Laura Bucalo, Lucy Young, Vicky Taylor, Kristine Strole, Erin Corbin, and Coach Bronwyn Monahan. Front row: Meagan Kelly, Jenna Shea, Jill Gendron, Liz Stieg, Amanda Blair, and Keegan Clark.

Girls' Varsity Basketball...

Gendron And Taylor Pace Brownies Past Wahconah Regional, 54-51

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' basketball team beat visiting Wahconah Regional on Monday night (December 18th), 54-41, before a decent crowd in Cliff Kibbe gym.

This was a game where the Brownies (2-1) showed a little bit of this and a little bit of that and a lot of guts.

Agawam started out strong. After a Liz Stieg trey with 3:25 off the clock, Agawam led 9-0. At that point, Agawam was 4-5 from the field while the Warriors were 0-5.

Two minutes later, Wahconah got its first field goal, a three, to make it 9-3. Point guard Jenna Shea's three put Agawam up, 12-3, against Wahcohan's rather lethargic zone.

Agawam increased its lead to 17-5 at the 8:20 mark, when Stieg hit her second trey of the game. But Wahconah, which was winless (0-2) coming in, wasn't going to go away without a fight. In a period of six min-

utes and change, they outscored the Brownies, 12-4, to make things interesting and only trailed, 21-17, with 1:45 left in the half.

Sophomore center Vicky Taylor (10 points / 11 boards) went up big after an offensive rebound, hauled it down, put it back up and in, and got fouled. There were 45 seconds to play and she drained the charity shot, giving Agawam a 24-17 lead, which they would take into the lockerroom.

After three games, Taylor is averaging 9-1 points per game, but an impressive 12-1 rebounds from her lanky 5'11" frame.

The second half saw Wahconah start out with a bucket, narrowing things to 24-19, Brownies.

Senior two guard Jill Gendron (18 points) got two off the offensive boards and Agawam went up by

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Boys' Varsity Hoop...

Tigers Tumble Brownies After Huge First Half

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team traveled to South Hadley High on Tuesday evening (December 19th) and came away on the short end of a 73-35 loss.

The game (for the Brownies, at least) was as ugly as a snake with warts. South Hadley is a Division II team, so maybe some of the Agawam kids underestimated them.

But Brownie Coach Brian Alves knew better. "They are a Division II powerhouse and are picked by a lot of people to win the Hampshire East league," he noted at practice last week.

A powerhouse, indeed. The Tigers came out running and gunning. Agawam was in a 2-1-2 zone, so South Hadley simply shot over it for much of the first half. The kid who did most of the damage was sophomore Jeff Hambley, who knocked down five three-pointers in the first six minutes of play.

That kind of marksmanship is hard to deal with, and the Tigers (who jumped out to an 11-2 lead with three minutes gone) enjoyed a 23-6 bulge on 7-11 shooting with 6:40 off the clock. Agawam, at that point, was 2-9 and walking on its heels.

The Tigers were empowering a tough man defense, and the Brownies were having trouble with it. They led 31-9 on 10-17 shooting with 5:55 to go. Agawam could manage only 13 shots, with four finding the hole.

Agawam went man-to-man then and (for a fleeting moment) outscored South Hadley, 8-5, closing the

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gap to 36-17 with 4:11 left. But the Tigers were taking a breather. They wound up leading 47-19 at the half.

Tigers - in an instant replay of their first-half start reeled off six straight points to take a 53-19 lead. Three minutes had gone by and the Brownies, down

Alves called a time-out and read his kids the riot act. It was a valiant attempt to rally the troops and it seemed to work (momentarily, at least). Lou Conte, who would have 14 in this one, canned a deuce at the 13:29 mark (Agawam's first second-half field goal) and got fouled. The big center missed the charity shot and Agawam trailed 55-21.

Agawam would have 19 turnovers in this one and gave up 11 points off of them. That didn't help.

South Hadley continued to hammer away as the clock ticked mercifully down to fat lady time. They were up 66-33 with 3:40 to play and cruised the rest of the way. Agawam went to 1-1. It was the Tigers'

AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS: Conte - 4-5 FG, 6-13 FT, 14 points, 13 rebounds (3 off); Dzhenzherukha - 1-7 FG, 4-8 FT, 6 points, 1 rebound; Clark - 0-2 FG, 2-2 FT, 2 points; Ellsworth - 1-5 FG, 2-2 FT, 4 points; Carney - 0-7 FG, 2 off rebs; Bienia - 1-3 FG, 2-3 FT, 4 points, 1 off reb; Dion - 2-5 FG, 4

TEAM: 9-38 FG, 0 threes (23%), 17-30 FT (56%), 23 rebs (8 off), 19 turnovers, points allowed off TO's -

SOUTH HADLEY TEAM: 25-43 FG, 8 threes

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It got worse in the second 16 minutes, as the

55-19, had not been able to get off a shot.

Agawam zoned up and the Tigers shot over it for a 59-24 lead with 11:10 to go. They were shooting a blistering 6-7 from the field, as opposed to a 2-3 performance for the visitors.

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points, 2 rebs; DeFilipi - 1-4 FT, 1 point, 2 rebs (1 off).

(58%), 15-26 FT (57%), 30 rebs (7 off), 12 turnovers, points allowed off TO's - 2.

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COACH BRIAN ALVES (far left) poses with Lou Conte, Jr., Adam Ellsworth, and Sean Mercadante, the senior captains of the 2000-2001 boys' varsity basketball team.

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seven. The Brownies had been playing match-up zone for much of the first half. Now they went a zone and a box-and-one on Wahconah to shut down one of its guards.

For a while that seemed to backfire, as Wahconah took advantage and cut Agawam's lead to one, 26-25, with 3:20 gone.

Before You Knew It, AHS Led 35-28...

However, Taylor drained a deuce from the left wing. Shea (11 points) hit another three, then a two, and Gendron knocked down a deuce as well. Just like that, the Brownies slammed the door, taking a 35-28

That Agawam lead increased to 38-30, then 40-30 when sophomore Kristen Strole popped in two from the right elbow.

The tempo on both sides increased, especially Wahconah's press.

But the Brownies continued to break it, with Gendron and Shea leading the way.

"Yeah, we don't have too much trouble in that department," Brownie Coach Bronwyn Monahan

"Our one, two, and three kids are good at pushing it up against that type of defense," she added.

While the Warriors stayed in their zone, Agawam was in a full-blown man and playing it well, despite Wahconah's attempts to set picks and get favorable match-ups. "We're comfortable with that defense, so why not go with it," Monahan remarked.

With three minutes left and Agawam up, 46-37, Wahconah (still pressing) went to a man-to-man. That was just fine with Taylor, who used her height to hit a

turnaround jumper with 2:35 to go for a 48-35 Agawam lead.

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Schoolboy Varsity Hockey...

Brownies Bow To Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team lost its third straight game on Tuesday night (December 19th) to Minnechaug, 4-1. The Falcons (2-0) had some trouble with the Brownies' defense before scoring on a rebound with 3:42 left in the first period.

That's the way it stood until Agawam (0-3) tied things up on a Tony LeClair shot off assists from John Tisdell and Dennis Walter. It stayed knotted up until the Falcons moved ahead at the 7:41 mark.

Minnechaug would score two more in the third period to grab the victory.

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Then Gendron (again in the process of breaking the press) got nailed and hit the two from the stripe, giving the hosts a 50-37 bulge.

The Brownies would go on to win this independent battle and raise their record to 2-1. Wahconah fell to 0-3.

"Just by stopping them when they were coming back those times, shows the kids can produce under pressure," Monahan observed.

AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS: Taylor - 4-6 FG, 2-6 FT, 10 pts, 11 rebs, 3 off; Bucalo - 1-3 FG, 1-3 FT, 3 pts, 3 rebs, 1 off; Gendron - 7-11 FG, 4-4 FT, 18 pts, 6 rebs, 1 off; Shea - 3-6 FG (1 three), 1-2 FT, 8 pts, 4 rebs; Stieg - 3-11 FG (2 threes), 0-1 FT, 8 pts, 1 rebound; Clark - 0-2 FG; Strole - 2-5 FG, 0-2 FT, 4 pts, 5 rebounds, 1 off; Kelly - 0-6 FG, 1 rebound.

TEAM: 21-48 FG, 3 threes (43%), 8-18 FT (44%), 32 rebs (11 off), 12 turnovers, points allowed off turnovers - 8.

WAHCONAH TEAM: 16-46 FG, 3 threes (34%), 7-13 FT (53%), 16 rebounds (5 off), 5 turnovers, O points allowed off turnovers.

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Versatile Shannon Costa Leads AHS Girls' Swimmers

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

One of the main members of the Agawam High girls' swimming team is co-captain Shannon Costa.

Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Shannon is 18 years-old. He birthday is October 22nd. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School.

Currently, her course load includes conceptual physics, English 12, integrated math, child development, word processing II, and sociology.

Shannon is a member of the National Honor Society and the Renaissance Gold Club. Her favorite course is psychology.

Carol Grady (word processing) is her top teacher.

She is looking at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, or Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire. Shannon wants to major in psychology.

Swimming is her sport, where she has been a fouryear member of the AHS varsity. She competes in the 500 free and the 200 free relay.

Her favorite sports memory is making the state tournament as a freshman.

She sees the upcoming season in a positive man-



SHANNON COSTA

ner. "We have more kids. Plus, we have a new coach (Dave Smith) who is very good, so we should do well."

Shannon's favorite food is a Philly cheese steak sandwich.

Purple is her color of choice.

A Ford Focus would be her ride.

She likes to relax at her friends' houses.

Shannon's taste in clothes is casual. She says she buys them everywhere.

Her taste in music includes all kinds, including country. Dave Mathews is her top group.

"Will and Grace" is her favorite TV show. "The Shawshank Redemption" is her favorite flick.

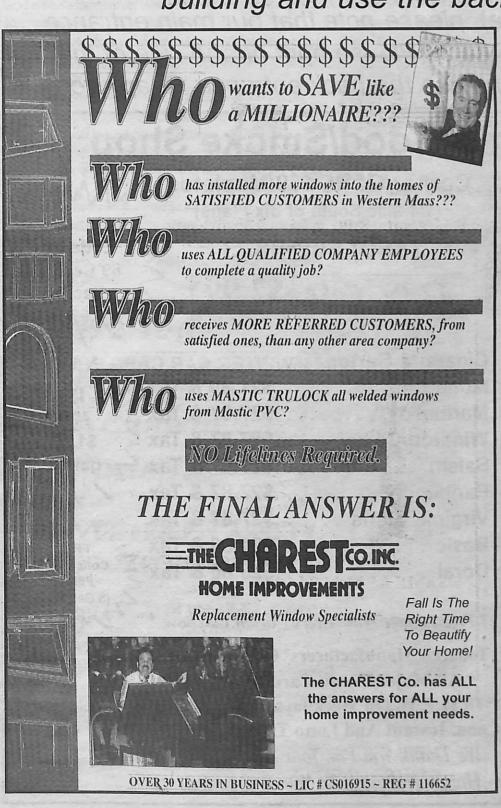
Linda is her mom. Max is her dad.

She looks up to her dad.

Shannon would like to be remembered at AHS as a successful kid who worked hard and was very determined.

Coach Dave Smith has this to say of his co-captain: "Shannon can swim well in just about every event. She is the hardest worker on the team. She's very quiet and leads by example."

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Eric Hogan - One Tough Kid For Brownie Wrestling

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Pound for pound, one of the toughest kids on the Agawam High School wrestling team is senior captain Eric Hogan.

Eric took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

He stands 5'3" tall and weighs in at 112 pounds. Eric has been a four-year student at the High School.

Currently, he's taking anatomy, English 12, personal finance, advanced honors math, honors physics, and gym. He is a member of the Honor Roll.

Physics is his favorite course.

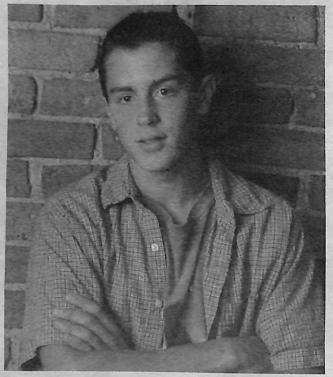
Arthur Gage (physics) is his top teacher.

Eric is looking at Springfield College to further his education. He says he'd like to major in pre-med.

Wrestling is his sport at AHS. He's been a member of the varsity since he was a sophomore. He made the All-Western Mass. first team in 1998 and the second team last season. Eric wrestles at 112 pounds.

His favorite sports memory was his All-Western Mass. 1998 season.

He sees this year to be a successful one for the 2000-2001 Brownies. "I think we can win Western Mass.," he said.



ERIC HOGAN

He likes to chow down on spaghetti and chicken parmesan.

Agawam orange is his favorite color.

A Hummer (the military vehicle that looks like a muscle-bound jeep and can go anywhere) would be his ride.

He likes to relax and work out at Gold's Gym in West Springfield.

Eric likes the casual look in clothes and buys them at the Holyoke Mall.

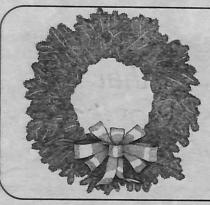
Metal is choice in music. He also enjoys rock/rap. Limp Bizket and Eminem are two of his favorite performers.

"The Simpsons" is tops on the tube for him. "Braveheart" is his favorite flick.

Eric would like to be remembered at AHS as a good kid and a hard worker who would help anyone if he could.

Wrestling Coach Kirk Parker says Eric is indeed a hard worker and very skilled.

He also noted that Eric is very health-conscious, quiet, and one of the top wrestlers in Western Mass. at 112.



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Brownies Place Sixth At Milford Wrestling Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Agawam High wrestling team traveled to Milford in the central part of the state for the annual Milford tournament. Coach Kirk Parker was pleased with his team's sixth-place finish.

"There were a lot of very good teams, many from the eastern part of the state. So we got a test," he

Agawam finished up with 106 points. The winner, host Milford, managed 154. "That wasn't a very big point spread among the top six teams. It was close all the way," the coach added.

Agawam had two first-place finishes: senior Aaron Gilbert in the 140's, and senior Cory Federico in the 145's. The Brownies had a second-place finisher, Eric Hogan, in the 112's.

"We could have moved up, but we didn't have our whole team there and some of the guys were wrestling out of their weight class," Hogan stated.

They recorded two thirds: junior Brian Pedersen in the 189's, and Ryan Sullivan at 103. Junior Bryan Ghedi was fourth in the 119's.

The locals opened up the 2000-2001 regular season last week by shellacking Amherst Regional.



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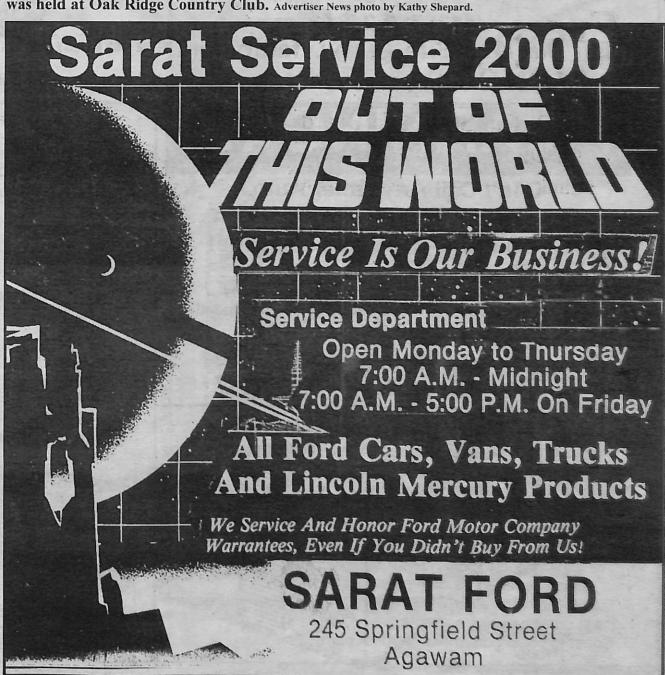
Gridiron Parents Hold Banquet...



AT OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB, senior members of AHS's fall 2000 football team gather around the Christmas tree at the year-end banquet, which is sponsored by the Agawam Gridiron Parents. The seniors were Isidro Aguinaga, Nick Beaudette, Mike Brunelle, Lou Conte, Jr., Frank Ferrentino, T.J. Graveline, Ryan Hanley, Joe Lancour, Tony LeClair, Tony Liquori, Ryan Malanson, Phil Simpson, and Chris Tedone. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE CAPTAINS OF AHS's fall 2000 football team - Isidro Aguinaga, Nick Beaudette, Frank Ferrentino, Tony Liquori, and Ryan Malanson - socialize with the team's coaches and managers at the recently held year-end banquet sponsored by the Agawam Gridiron Parents. The banquet was held at Oak Ridge Country Club. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Tri-Parish Bowling League...

St. Mary Chalks Up Three-Point Lead Over Second-Place St. Louis

As the end of round two in the Tri-Parish Bowling League approaches, Fordham took St. Louis out of first place with a 3-1 win on Monday, December 11th.

For St. L, Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin was even better than her usual self, rolling a 118 high string to end up with 301. Also for St. L., Glen "Not Sam" Adams ran off a 344 with strings of 117, 114, and 113. However, this was only good enough for one point.

For F'ham, Flo "Rocky" Rochford hit a 305, and "Jolly" Olly Muldrew had strings of 108, 130, and 125 to total 363 and carry the team to the 3-1 win. As a result, F'ham moved up to fifth place in this round.

St. Mary and Catholic University battled on lanes one and two, and the lanes won again. No one from either team was able to hit a 300 score, and there was only a total of five strings over 100.

The high single of 110 went to John "Big Bad" Mlinek from CU in a losing cause. For the record, St. M won all the points to regain first place in the round. This was another one of those "truth is stranger than fiction" nights when timing is everything.

Georgetown went from fifth to third with a 3-1 win over Boston College. G't had three bowlers over the 300 mark: Tom "Thumbs" Massotti ran off a 304, and both Jim "Big Mac" McCormack and "Mighty" Debbie Poirier came in with 335's.

The second string was the only close game. Jon "Money" Robarge ran a 124 string to pull the game out by three pins to give BC its only point for the night. "Money" finished the night with a 312 total.

Holy Cross won over Notre Dame, 3-1, in a spirited contest. The difference in the first string was only three pins.

Jan "Steady" Fuller's 128 string made the difference, and Ron "The Don" was still sitting our with his broken ankle, so he had to take a 111 (average less five) for each string. "Steady" finished the night with a 340; she was extra steady and bordered on rigid.

In the losing cause for ND, Donna "Big D" Kosinski hit a 120, which gave her a 301 night. (She's another year older, so experience is starting to show.) Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz rolled a 321 with a 124 single, and Paula "Wild Thing" Burke hit a massive 342 (which featured a 130 third string).

The league's "Party Night" was scheduled for Monday, December 18th; however, the scores will still count! Then, the bowlers will have two weeks off for the holidays and will start again next year on January 8th. The first night of bowling for 2001 will be "position night" to determine the second-round winner.

Good luck to Debbie for her upcoming surgery. (Speedy recovery wishes from all!)

The standings as of Monday, December 11th were:

St. Mary 19 - 5

St. Louis 16 - 8

Georgetown 12 - 12

Notre Dame 11 - 13

Fordham 10 - 14

Boston College 10 - 14

Holy Cross 9 - 15

Catholic University 9 - 15

Maloni Ripping The Cords At Brown University

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Recently, former Agawam High basketball star and 1,000 career point scorer Barbara Maloni, now playing for Brown University, was recently named Ivy League player of the week. Maloni is the leading scorer in the Ivy League at 26 points a game and ninth in the nation in women's Division I basketball. She is 10th in the nation in steals with 4.0 a game.

Maloni is a sophomore with the Bears and had an outstanding freshman season. Now she is following it up with what seems to be an equally fine second year.

Her dad, Tony Maloni, also mentioned that despite the hectic basketball schedule, Maloni is also doing well in the classroom.

She has played both two guard and point guard for Brown. She recently burned Indiana University for 29 points.

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Sat., Feb. 17th vs Philadelphia, E. Longmeadow High, 7:00 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 18th vs Morris, E. Longmeadow High, 4:00 p.m..

Sat., March 3rd vs. New York, South Hadley High, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 24th vs New Philadelphia, Cathedral High, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 25th vs Philadelphia, Cathedral High, 4:00 p.m.

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Congratulations to our 2000-2001 Board!

The Agawam Soccer Association would also like to thank all of the outgoing Executive Board members for their time and service. We certainly could not have done it without you:

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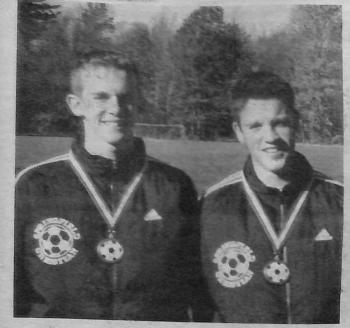
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Rheault, who was selected to the All-Tournament Team, was key to anchoring the team's defense from the sweeper position.

Schnepp, who was the league's MVP with 39 goals, was also selected to the All-Tournament Team at a regional tournament in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Jan. 31st: Central, home (7:00).

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Jan. 12th: Smith College, away (4:00). Jan. 17th: Mt. Holyoke, away (7:00).

SWIMMING (V/JV)

Dec. 22nd: Amherst, away (4:00).

Jan. 9th: Cathedral, away (3:30).

Jan. 12th: Northampton, away (3:30).

Jan. 16th: Turners Falls, away (3:30).

Jan. 19th: Palmer, home (4:00).

Jan. 23rd: Chicopee, home (3:30)

Jan. 26th: Belchertown, home (4:00).

Jan. 30th: Sci-Tech, home (4:45).

ICE HOCKEY (V/JV)

Dec. 23rd: Ludlolw, home (3:00 - Cyr).

Dec. 29th: Longmeadow, away (8:00 - Cyr).

Dec. 30th: Longmeadow/Minnechaug/East Long-

meadow, away (3:00/5:00 - Cyr).

Jan. 2nd: Longmeadow, home (8:30 - Olympia).

Jan. 4th: East Longmeadow, away (8:30 -

Jan. 8th: Chicopee, away (6:30 - Fitzpatrick).

Jan. 11th: Belchertown, home (8:30 - Olympia).

Jan. 20th: West Springfield, home (4:00 Olympia).

Jan. 23rd: Westfield, away (6:00 - Westfield).

Jan. 27th: Minnechaug, home (3:00 - Cyr).

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Jan. 4th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.

Jan 11th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.

Jan. 18th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.

Jan. 23rd: Berkshire East, away, 4:45. Jan. 25th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.

Jan. 30th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.

FRESHMAN

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 22nd: Amherst, home (4:30).

Dec. 27th: East Longmeadow, home (10:00).

Dec. 29th: Sci Tech, away (11:00).

Jan. 5th: Westfield, away (3:00). Jan. 9th: Putnam, away (4:15).

Jan. 12th: Ludlow, away (3:30).

Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, away (3:30).

Jan. 18th: West Springfield, home (4:30).

Jan. 23rd: Minnechaug, away (3:30).

Jan. 26th: Dean Tech, home (3:30).

Jan. 30th: Holyoke, away (3:30).

BOYS' BASKETBALL (V/JV)

Dec. 22nd: Amherst, away (5:30/7:00).

Dec. 27th: East Longmeadow, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 2nd: Monument Mt., away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 5th: Westfield, home (3:00/7:30).

Jan. 9th: Putnam, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 12th: Ludlow, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 18th: West Springfield, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 23rd: Minnechaug, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 26th: Greenfield, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 30th: Holyoke, home (5:30/7:00).

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (V/JV)

Dec. 22nd: Holyoke, away (6:00/7:30).

Dec. 29th: Northampton, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 2nd: Ludlow, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 5th: Westfield, home (4:30/6:00).

Jan. 10th: East Longmeadow, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 12th: Chicopee, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, away (6:00/7:30). Jan. 19th: Cathedral, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 24th: Central, away (6:00/7:30).

Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, home (5:30/7:00).

Jan. 29th: Amherst, away (5:30/7:00).

FRESHMAN

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 22nd: Holyoke, home (3:00).

Dec. 27th: Belchertown, home (11:30).

Dec. 29th: East Longmeadow, home (11:00).

Jan. 2nd: Ludlow, home (3:30).

Jan. 5th: Westfield, away (4:30).

Jan.-11th: East Longmeadow, away (3:30).

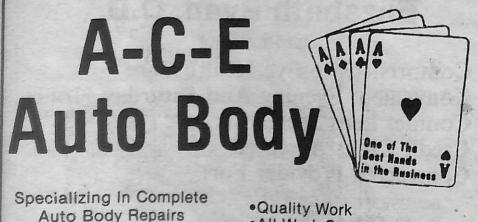
Jan. 12th: Chicopee, home (3:30).

Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, home (3:30).

Jan. 19th: Cathedral, away (3:30).

Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, away (3:30).

Jan. 29th: Amherst, home (4:00).



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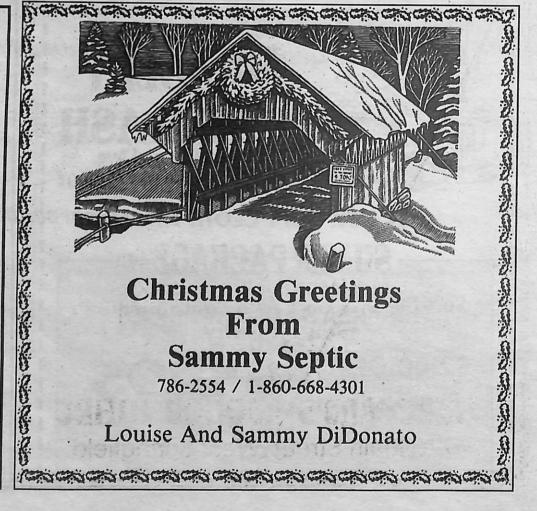
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COACH JACQUES WOOD with his U-12 girls' champions, the Red Demons. The Red Demons were among the teams that were recently honored at the ASA's awards ceremony.

West Spfld./Agawam Elks Lodge To Host "Hoop Shoot"

The West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks #2174 will host the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest on January 6th at Fausey Elementary School, 784 Amostown Road, West Springfield any time between the hours of 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The contest is open to boys and girls from age eight to 13 (age is determined by the age of the contestant as of 4-1-2001; birth or Baptismal certificate required as proof of age).

The contest is free of charge and no registration fees apply. First-, second-, and third-place finishes with trophies will be awarded to both girls and boys in each age group. The first-place winners in each age group are eligible to advance to the District Shoot at a date to be determined.

For more information, contact John Davis, chairman, at 746-8318.

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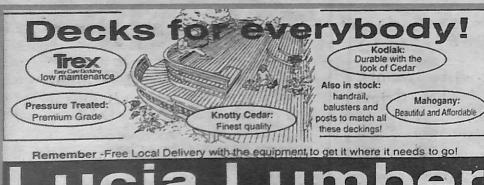
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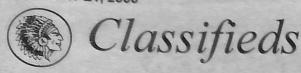
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Crown Royal	\$33.99
J & B Scotch	\$28.99
Canadian Club	\$17.99
Seagrams 7	\$14.99
Smirnoff Vodka	\$16.99
Absolut Vodka	\$23.99
Popov Vodka	\$12.99
Rubinoff Vodka	\$8.99
Inverhouse Scotch	\$12.99
Canadian Mist	\$13.99
Seagrams Gin	\$13.99
Bacardi Rum	\$15.99
Bacardi Limon	\$19.99
Jack Daniels	\$25.99
Johnnie Walker Red	\$30.99



LOTTERY

SERVICE

DOMESTIC BEER ▲ MICHELOB & MICHELOB LITE (18pack) \$10.59 ▲ GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY (24 cans)\$8.79 A BUSH EXPORT (bottles)\$10.49 MIESTER BRAU & LITE \$9.79

Sambuca Romano (750 ml)\$14.99 Leroux Brandies (750 ml)\$7.99 Boston Brandies (750 ml) \$7.99 Old Fashion New England Egg Nog (1-liter)\$5.99 Chambord (750 ml)\$19.99

GALLO

VENDANGE BLOOSOM

(750)White Zinfandel 3 for \$7.99

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HILL (1.5) White Zinfandel

\$4.99

Alisa (Italy)

Pino Grigio (1.5) -----\$7.99 All Delcato (1.5) -----Berringer (750) White Zinfandel -- 2 for \$7.99

COKE, SPRITE & DIET COKE



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CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

Grand Marnier\$27.99

3	WINES	
\$ 30	Andre (All Flavors) 750 ml	\$2.99
奉	Ballatore Grand Spumante 750 ml	\$4.99
*	Martini & Rossi Asti Spumante 750 ml (Boxed with Chocolates)	\$8.99
*	Korbel- Brut & Extra Dry 750 ml	\$9.99
奉	Moet White Star 750 ml	\$25.99
奉	Dom Perignon 750 ml	\$99.99
華	Martini & Rossi Spumante Magnum 1.5 liter	\$17.99

~FLAVORED_WINES~

Arbor Mist (All Flavors) 750 ml	3 for \$9.99
Arbor Mist(All Flavors) 1.5 liter	
♦ Wild Vines (All Flavors) 750 ml	
	\$5.99

ALL BEER PRICES SUBJECT TO MASS DEPOSIT - ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED